

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS LOCAL #700  
(REPRESENTING FUGITIVE UNIT INVESTIGATORS)**

**AND**

**COUNTY OF COOK/SHERIFF OF COOK COUNTY  
(AS JOINT EMPLOYERS)**

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## **PREAMBLE**

This collective bargaining Agreement is entered into between the County of Cook and the Sheriff of Cook County, Joint Employers of employees covered by this Agreement, (hereinafter collectively referred to as the Employer") and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local #700 Council (hereinafter referred to as the "Teamsters Local #700").

## **ARTICLE I RECOGNITION**

### **Section 1.1 Representative Unit:**

The Employer recognizes the Teamsters Local #700 as the sole and exclusive representative for all employees of the Employer in the defined bargaining unit described as all full time Investigator (IS2) employed in the Fugitive Unit within the Sheriff's Office and excluding all supervisory, managerial and confidential employees and all other employees excluded by the Illinois Public Relations Act and all employees within any existing collective bargaining units.

### **Section 1.2 Teamsters Local #700 Membership:**

The Employer does not object to Teamsters Local #700 membership by its employees, and believes that certain benefits may be gained from such membership. For the purpose of this Section, an employee shall be considered to be a member of the Teamsters Local #700 if he/she timely tenders the dues and initiation fee (if any) required as a condition of membership.

The Employer will notify the Teamsters Local #700 by letter any time a new employee enters the bargaining unit, and shall grant the Teamsters Local #700 an opportunity during the orientation of new employees to present the benefits of Teamsters Local #700 membership. The terms of this Agreement shall cover all full-time employees within the bargaining unit.

### **Section 1.3 Dues Checkoff:**

The Employer shall provide to the Secretary-Treasurer and the President of the Union within thirty (30) days, name, address, email address, classification, rate of salary and starting date of any new employee hired into the Union's bargaining unit. The Employer shall allow a representative of the Union to meet with new employees within thirty (30) days of hire to discuss the benefits of Union membership. The Employer shall provide a private meeting space and shall schedule meetings at a mutually agreeable time during the new employees' regularly scheduled work day. Employees shall not suffer a loss in pay for attendance at these meetings.

### **Section 1.4 Religion Exemption:**

Employees who are members of a church or religious body having a bona fide religious tenet or teaching which prohibits the payment of a contribution to a Teamsters Local #700, as determined by a neutral arbitrator, shall be required to pay an amount equal to Teamsters Local #700 dues, as described in Section 4, to a non-religious charitable organization mutually agreed upon by the Teamsters Local #700 and the affected employees as set forth in Section 6(g) of the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act.

**Section 1.5 Indemnification:**

The Teamsters Local #700 shall indemnify and save the County harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits, or other forms of liability that may arise out of or by reason of any action taken by the County for the purpose of complying with any provisions of this Agreement. If an incorrect deduction is made, the Teamsters Local #700 shall refund any such amount directly to the involved employee.

**ARTICLE II  
NON-DISCRIMINATION**

**Section 2.1 Non- Discrimination:**

The Employer and the Teamsters Local #700 agree that neither shall discriminate in employment matter by reason of race, color, religion, national origin, political belief or activity, age, sex, martial status or disability, voluntary membership or non-voluntary membership in the Teamsters Local #700. No bargaining unit member shall be transferred, assigned, reassigned or have his duties changed for reasons prohibited by this section. Disability may cause a change in an employee's assignment, provided the change is not in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Any transfer of a bargaining unit member cannot be based upon their protected Teamsters Local #700 activity under this Agreement or under the law.

The Employer shall continue to provide equal employment opportunity and apply equal employment practices for all bargaining unit members.

**Section 2.2 Use of Masculine Pronoun:**

The use of the masculine pronoun in this or any other document between the parties is understood to be for clerical convenience only, and it is further understood that such use includes the feminine pronoun as well.

**ARTICLE III  
EMPLOYER AUTHORITY**

**Section 3.1 Employer Rights:**

The Teamsters Local #700 recognizes that the Employer has the full authority and responsibility for directing its operation and determining policy. The Employer reserves unto itself all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon it and vested in it by State and Federal statutes and Constitutions, and to adopt and apply all rules, regulations and policies as it may deem necessary to carry out its statutory and constitutional responsibilities. Employer rights shall be limited only by the specific and express terms of this Agreement. Employer's rights include, but are not limited to:

- A. The exclusive right to determine its policies, standards of services and to operate and manage its affairs and to direct its work force in accordance with its responsibilities. The Employer has all the customary and usual rights, power and functions of management.

- B. The exclusive right to hire, transfer, and promote, discipline, suspend or discharge employees for just cause.
- C. To establish reasonable work rules, make work assignments, determine schedules of work, methods, processes and procedures by which work is to be performed, place, methods, means and number of personnel needed to carry out the Employers responsibilities and duties; as well as the right to determine reasonable work productivity, performance and evaluation standards.
- D. The right to change existing or introduce new methods, equipment or facilities and the right to contract for goods and services which do not replace bargaining unit positions (this shall not prevent the Employer from reducing the work force based on cancellation of contracted police services to local communities, or other justifiable reasons).
- E. The right to make publish and enforce reasonable general orders, rules and regulations; and, the Employer has the right to make changes in assigned duties and responsibilities; except as otherwise limited by this Agreement.
- F. The right to enter into mutual aid and assistance agreements with other units of government.
- G. The right to establish standards governing the levels of force, including deadly force that can be used.
- H. The Employer has the right to take any and all actions as may be necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Employer in situations of civil emergency as may be declared by the Employer. It is the sole discretion of the Employer to determine that civil emergency conditions exist, which may include but not be limited to riots, civil disorders, tornado conditions, floods, other emergency conditions or other circumstances beyond the control of the Employer which call for immediate action whereas it may be required to assign employees as the Employer deems necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities; provided that no right enumerated in this Section shall diminish the Teamsters Local #700s right to grieve in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

**Section 3.2 Employer Obligations:**

Teamsters Local #700 recognizes that this Agreement does not empower the Employer to do anything that it is prohibited from doing by law.

**ARTICLE IV  
UNION RIGHTS**

**Section 4.1 Grievance Processing and Contract Administration:**

Only the aggrieved employee(s) and/or Representatives of the Teamsters Local #700 may present grievances. Duly authorized Representatives of the Teamsters Local #700 and/or the local



Bargaining Committee will be permitted, at reasonable times, to enter the appropriate County facility for purposes of handling grievances or observing conditions under which employees are working. These Representatives will be identified to the Sheriff or his designee in a manner suitable to the Employer and on each occasion will first secure the approval of the Sheriff or his designee to enter and conduct their business so as not to interfere with the operation of the Employer. The Teamsters Local #700 will not abuse this privilege, and such right of entry shall at all time be subject to general Sheriff's Department rules applicable to non-employees. Said approval shall not be denied arbitrarily or capriciously or without cause.

The Teamsters Local #700 will advise the Employer in writing of the names of the local Bargaining Committee officials. Upon obtaining approval from their supervisor, before leaving their work assignment or area, Bargaining Committee members, or other specifically authorized members, will be permitted to handle and process grievances referred by employees at the appropriate steps of the grievance procedure during normal hours without loss of pay, provided that the operations of the Department are not adversely affected. In all cases the primary mission of the Department and proper manpower considerations shall be controlling. The maximum number of employees and delegates who will be recognized for this purpose will be (2) two.

#### **Section 4.2 Negotiations:**

Members designated as being on the Bargaining Committee who are scheduled to work on a day on which negotiations will occur shall be excused from their regular duties and assigned to the negotiations without loss of pay or benefits. If a Bargaining Committee attends negotiation while off-duty, he shall not receive any compensation. Employees will be required to return to their assignments at the conclusion of the negotiating sessions.

#### **Section 4.3 Bargaining Unit Positions:**

Bargaining unit members who are on leave from their position of Cook County Deputy Sheriff or Cook County Correctional Officer will not be required to fill out a Request for Leave@ Forms. These bargaining unit members shall retain their merit board status, while a member of the bargaining unit.

#### **Section 4.4 OPR Investigations:**

All investigations conducted by the Office of Professional Review (OPR) shall be conducted and completed within a reasonable time period based upon the complexity of the investigation and the workload of the OPR Investigator.

An open investigation into an employee will not preclude that employee from volunteering for overtime or participating in bids. Any OPR investigations resulting in the de-deputizing of an employee, may be moved to expedited arbitration within (30) days of said action. The only issue presented at the arbitration will be whether the de-deputizing was just. If the employer cannot proceed and barring the filing of criminal charges, the employee shall be re-deputized. A Group of arbitrators shall be selected who agree to the conditions and procedures put into place and who agree to render their decision within thirty (30) days.

All formal investigations conducted by and on behalf of or at the direction of OPR on behalf of the

Employer will be completed within eighteen (18) months from the later of;

(A) the date that the incident arose if known by both parties; or (B) the date the incident is stamped as received by management in the office of the OPR if the date the incident arose is not reasonably known by both parties. The date of completion of the eighteen (18)-month time period will be considered on the date that the OPR Investigator enters his/her finding of sustained/not sustained, unless otherwise provided for within this section. This eighteen (18)-month time period does not pertain to investigations where there are allegations of criminal activity or instances of actual or threatened civil litigation. The parties agree and acknowledge that the provisions of this paragraph are inapplicable to a separate investigation with a different case assignment number that may involve facts that arose during a separate investigation. Unless the OPR investigation is timely completed, the employee shall not be subject to discipline in the absence of a mutually agreed upon extension of time. The Union will be reasonable when considering these requests when, for example, the employee is away from work for an extended period of time during the eighteen (18)-month period. The eighteen (18)-month time-frame will be tolled when an accused employee is unable or otherwise refuses to come in for an OPR interview. For purposes of this section, the eighteen (18)-month time-frame does not include the time involved with Command Channel Review (CCR) and shall begin for any new OPR investigation where the date that the incident arose or the date that the incident is stamped (as set forth in (A) and (B)) is on or after the date of ratification of the parties' CBA and moving forward.

## **ARTICLE V GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

### **Section 5.1 Policy:**

The provisions of this Article supplement and modify the provisions of the Employer's Grievance Procedure applicable to all employees.

### **Section 5.2 Definition:**

A grievance is a difference between an employee or the Teamsters Local #700 and the Employer with respect to discipline, the interpretation or application of, or compliance with, the agreed upon provisions of the Agreement, the Employer's Rules and Regulations or disciplinary actions. Terminations and/or demotions that affect merit rank T fall under the jurisdiction of the Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board and are not challengeable as a grievance. Suspensions of twenty-nine (29) days or less and suspensions in excess of twenty-nine (29) days (imposed post ratification, excluding terminations and/or demotions that affect merit rank) may be arbitrated as outlined in the applicable paragraphs of Section 5.3 of this Agreement. The Teamsters Local #700 will send copies of grievances appealed at Step Three to the Sheriff or his designee. It is recognized that because a Joint Employer relationship exists in this Agreement certain grievances are appropriately answered by the Sheriff and others by County Administration, depending on the subject of the grievance.

Employees may take up grievances through Steps 1 or 2, or 3, either individually or with representation by the Teamsters Local #700. If an employee takes up a grievance without Teamsters Local #700 representation, any resolution of the grievance shall be consistent with this Agreement and the Teamsters Local #700 representative shall have the right to be present at such resolution

meetings. A grievance relating to all or a substantial number of employees or to the Teamsters Local #700's own interests or rights with the Employer may be initiated at Step 3.

Without diminishing or compromising the rights of the Employer under Section 4 of the IPLRA and Article III of this Agreement to promulgate work rules or general orders, it is understood by the parties that the Teamsters Local #700 may file and arbitrate a grievance under Article V, challenging as unreasonable, changes in existing or new work rules, assignments or general orders, standards or procedures which have as their primary subject wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment.

**Section 5.3 Grievance Procedure Steps:**

A grievance must be submitted on a form (see Appendix B) which clearly identifies the subject matter as a "grievance".

A. Termination and/or demotion that affect merit rank (Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board):

- a. It is understood that employees are subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board. Any disciplinary recommendations that include termination and/or demotion that impact merit rank are not subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Recommendations that include termination and/or demotion shall continue to remain under the jurisdiction of the Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board and may not be appealed through the grievance or arbitration procedure in this Agreement. Any termination/demotion that is reduced to a suspension by the Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board shall not be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and may not be appealed through the grievance or arbitration procedure.

B. Suspensions of twenty-nine (29) days or less:

- a. Any suspension imposed by the Employer on an Employee up to and including twenty-nine (29) days, may be appealed at all steps of the grievance procedure or the Hearing Board set forth in Section 5.4, but not both remedies. If the employee grieves a suspension of twenty-nine (29) days or less, the resulting discipline will not be imposed until the Step 4 grievance response is issued.

C. Suspensions in excess of twenty-nine (29) days (excluding termination/demotion that affect merit rank)(imposed post-ratification):

Suspensions in excess of twenty-nine (29) days shall be shall be adjudicated by Impartial Arbitration, but not subject to Steps 1, , 2 or 3 of the grievance procedure. Upon service of discipline to the Employee, the Employer shall also notify the Union of the suspension. Arbitrations shall be scheduled and date confirmed within sixty (60) calendar days from the date that the Union is served with the discipline. If the Arbitration is not scheduled within sixty (60) days or does not occur due to cancellation by the Union, the Sheriff/designee may

impose the discipline prior to the Arbitration taking place, otherwise discipline will not be imposed until the Arbitration Award is issued.

In the event that the matter proceeds to Arbitration, the Employer and the Union shall agree to a list of arbitrators who will as a condition of being on the panel, agree to schedule the hearing within thirty (30) calendar days of the notification of selection. As a further condition of being placed on the panel, the arbitrator will agree to issue a decision within ten (10) calendar days of the date of the hearing. Upon written request of either party, discovery information shall be provided (and compelled by the Arbitrator, if necessary) not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the arbitration.

The parties may mutually agree to waive post hearing briefs to expedite the decision by the Arbitrator. The decision of the Arbitrator shall be binding. Expenses for the Arbitrator's services and the expenses which are common to both parties to the arbitration shall be borne equally by the County and the Union. Each party to an arbitration proceeding shall be responsible for compensating its own representatives and witnesses.

The Arbitrator, in his/her opinion shall not amend, modify, nullify, ignore or add to the provisions of this Agreement. The issue or issue to be decided will be limited to those presented to the Arbitrator, in writing by the Employer and the Union. His/her decision must be based solely on the interpretation of the meaning or application of the express relevant language of the Agreement. In issuing his/her decision, the Arbitrator shall be bound by the precedential rulings of the Cook County Sheriffs Merit Board.

All hearings will be held as close to the grievant's work site as practicable. The Employer will upon reasonable notice from the Union, release from duty any employees requested by the Union as representatives or witnesses. The hearing will be informal. There will be no requirement that a stenographic recording of the proceedings unless otherwise agreed. The parties agree that the Arbitration forum for suspensions arbitrated under this provision shall not be challenged as it relates to the jurisdiction of the Cook County Sheriffs Merit Board. The Union and Employer agree that an Arbitrator's finding that a suspension be imposed, or any other relief so found, shall be served by the employee.

D. The steps and time limits as provided in the Employer's Grievance Procedure are as follows:

STEP	Submission Time Limits This Step (Calendar Days)	To Whom Submitted	Time Limits Meeting (Work Days)	Response Time (Work Days)
1	10 days	Electronic Monitoring Fugitive Unit Chief/Designee	5 days	5 days
2	10 days	Electronic Monitoring Unit Director	5 days	5 days
3	10 days	Exec. Director/Designee	10 days	10 days
4	10 days	Sheriff Or Designee	10 days	10 days
5	30 days	Impartial Arbitrator	As Scheduled	30 days

At each Step of the Grievance Process the Employer must issue a written response within the required time limit. At step one the time limit begins ten calendar days from the date the disciplinary form is signed by the employee.

If a grievance is not appealed to any step of the grievance procedure within the time limits set forth in Section 5.3, it shall be considered to have been settled on the basis of the Employer's last answer. If the Teamsters Local #700 or the grievant does not receive an answer to the grievance at any step of the grievance procedure within the time limits specified in Section 5.3, the Teamsters Local #700 or the grievant may elect to treat the grievance as denied at that step and appeal the grievance to the next step of the grievance procedure.

#### **Section 5.4 Hearing Board:**

For discipline of twenty-nine (29) days or less, an employee may choose a hearing board rather than the grievance procedure, but not both remedies. The affected employee should indicate this option on the disciplinary form. The Executive Director/Designee will appoint the board. The hearing board's decision shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.

#### **Section 5.5 Time Limits:**

The initial time limit for presenting a grievance shall be ten (10) calendar days and the same limit shall apply to the presentation of grievances through all Steps; with the exception of step five (5), where the Union shall have thirty (30) calendar days to request arbitration. The employer will meet with the employee to discuss the grievance at each step within ten (10) [five (5) at step one and at

step (2) working days of receipt and answer the within ten (10) [five (5) at step one and at step 2 working days of the meeting. The scheduling of an arbitration hearing shall be governed by mutual agreement with the arbitrator. An arbitrator's award shall be submitted to the parties within thirty (30) days of the close of the hearing. Time limits may be extended by mutual agreement, in writing, between the employee and/or the Teamsters Local #700 and the Employer.

**Section 5.6 Impartial Arbitration Procedure:**

Only the Teamsters Local #700 may request arbitration under this Agreement. If the Teamsters Local #700 is not satisfied with the Step 4 answer to a grievance involving an alleged violation of the contract or transfer, it shall within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Step 4 answer submit in writing to the Employer notice that the grievance is to enter impartial arbitration. The parties agree to select an arbitrator from a panel obtained from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service who are members of the National Academy of Arbitrators. Either party may make written request of the other party to strike and replace not more than one (1) entire panel. Each of the two (2) parties will confer within seven (7) days of receipt of the arbitration panel to alternately strike one (1) name at a time from the panel until only one (1) name remains; the remaining name shall be the arbitrator. The party striking first shall be determined by a toss of the coin. The Teamsters Local #700 and the Employer will make arrangements with the Arbitrator to hear and decide the grievance without unreasonable delay.

In fashioning his/her award in discipline grievances, the Arbitrator shall determine whether there was just cause to impose the discipline, and, sustain the discipline imposed by the Employer, reduce the discipline (including reduction to a reprimand), including the application of Aoptions@ granted or denied with regard to the discipline, or exonerate the employee; but, in no event shall the Arbitrator have authority to increase the disciplinary action in question. The Arbitrator shall issue a written decision within thirty (30) days after close of the hearing, or the submission of post-hearing briefs (if applicable), whichever is later.

All decisions of the Arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties. Expenses for the Arbitrators services and the expenses which are common to both parties to the arbitration shall be borne equally by the County and the Teamsters Local #700. Each party to an arbitration proceeding shall be responsible for compensating its own representatives and witnesses.

The Arbitrator, in issuing his/her opinion, shall not amend, modify, nullify, ignore or add to the provisions of this Agreement. The issue or issues to be decided will be limited to those presented to the Arbitrator in writing by the Employer and the Teamsters Local #700. The Arbitrators decision must be based solely upon his interpretation of the meaning or application of the express relevant language of the Agreement.

**ARTICLE VI  
EMPLOYEE RIGHTS**

**Section 6.1 Discipline Investigation:**

The Employer shall not take any disciplinary action against an employee without just cause. Any employee covered by the terms of this Agreement shall be afforded all of the rights enumerated by

the Uniformed Peace Officers Disciplinary Act (Bill of Rights) 50 ILCS 725/1 et seq. In addition, as unionized employees, the employees who are subject to investigation which may lead to discipline shall be afforded all of the rights and privileges granted under *Weingarten v NLRB*, 420 US 251 (1975), 43 L ED. 2d 171, 95 SCT 959 and *Morgan v Central Management Services*, ISLRB (1 PERI 2020).

Random testing under the Sheriffs Drug Free Workplace Policy shall not be subject to the provisions of 50 ILCS 725/1, et seq.

#### **Section 6.2 Corrective and Progressive Discipline:**

The Teamsters Local #700 and the Employer agree that discipline should be timely, corrective and progressive, and accompanied by counseling where appropriate. It is understood that the employees are subject to general orders, rules and regulations of the Department.

An employee may be temporarily reassigned while under investigation for alleged wrongdoing. Such reassignment shall not be indicative of any guilt, nor shall it diminish the employees' rights. An employee's credentials and badge may be removed during any reassignment or investigation of alleged wrongdoing for just cause.

It is understood that the Employer has the right to transfer an employee back to his or her previous position with the Sheriff for just cause for reasons that appear to disqualify the employee from work in this bargaining unit but not from employment in his or her previous position.

### **ARTICLE VII LABOR-MANAGEMENT MEETINGS**

#### **Section 7.1 Labor-Management Meetings:**

For the purpose of conferring on matters of mutual interest, the Teamsters Local #700 and the Employer agree to meet on a monthly basis, if requested by either party, or more often if necessary, at mutually agreed upon dates, times and locations. The Teamsters Local #700 and Employer shall each designate not more than two (2) representatives to a labor-management committee for this purpose. Either party may initiate a request for such a meeting by presenting the other party with a proposed agenda for the meeting at least one week prior to a scheduled meeting date. Proposed agenda points of both parties shall be discussed at the meeting. This provision is not intended in any way to preclude informal discussions or meetings among the parties.

### **ARTICLE VIII SENIORITY**

#### **Section 8.1 Definition of Seniority:**

For the purpose of benefits and pension, the Sheriff or designee would recognize the date of hire to Cook County and/or the Sheriff Department. For the purpose of bidding on vacation, the date the Investigator was promoted to the position would be used.

If the fugitive Unit experiences a reduction in work force, the date the Investigator entered into the Union would be used.

During the term of this agreement, any changes to the seniority list must be mutually agreed upon.

**Section 8.2 Seniority List:**

As soon as possible, the Employer will furnish the Teamsters Local #700 with a list showing the name, number, address, classification and last hiring date of each employee, and whether the employee is entitled to seniority or not. The Sheriff shall post a similar list without employee addresses. Within thirty (30) calendar days after the date of posting, an employee must notify the Employer of any error in his/her last hiring date as it appears on that list or it will be considered correct and binding on the employee and the Teamsters Local #700 from that time forth and forever.

The Employer will furnish the Teamsters Local #700 with monthly reports of any changes to such list, and shall furnish a revised list every six (6) months. After furnishing any such list, an employee must notify the Employer of any error within ten (10) calendar days thereafter, or the information so furnished will be considered correct and binding on the employee and the Teamsters Local #700 until a subsequent list is furnished by the Employer as provided herein provided that, no changes in the hiring dates furnished in the original list will be permitted. An employee's seniority, and their position on the seniority list, may be adjusted if accrual of seniority stops during a leave of absence.

**Section 8.3 Probationary Period:**

All new Investigator (IS2) will be on probation during their first six (6) months in the Fugitive Unit. If during that time, an employee is not able to perform adequately, he will be returned to his previous assignment.

**Section 8.4 Application of Seniority:**

- A. **Application:** The seniority list shall govern in the selection of vacations or other time off selections and overtime in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. Seniority shall be considered when making employee requested transfers.
- B. **Overtime Assignments:** Regularly scheduled overtime shall first be offered, on a seniority basis within the Bargaining Unit for which the overtime assignment is needed. An employee who works overtime will be placed at the bottom of the overtime list once the overtime is received. An employee requesting to be skipped when it becomes his/her turn to work a voluntary overtime assignment shall be rotated to the bottom of the overtime list.
- C. **Job Posting and Bidding:** In the event an opening is to be bid in the unit, shift, or other assignments available to bargaining unit members, notice of such bids shall be posted in such a manner as to insure all bargaining unit members have ample notice and opportunity to bid. Job openings shall be filled by bargaining unit members, by use of strict seniority, once all other conditions for particular training or certificate required for the position have been met. Bargaining unit members shall have fourteen (14) days from the date of posting to submit their bid.



As a general rule, such bid position shall be filled within sixty (60) days from the close of bidding, unless exigent circumstance prevents filling the position. Such circumstance will be discussed with the union upon written request.

**Section 8.5 Reduction in Work Force, Layoff and Recall:**

Should the Employer determine that it is necessary to decrease the number of employees within the bargaining unit, due to lack of funds or lack of work, the employees to be laid off shall be removed in inverse order of seniority (e.g. last hired, first laid-off) within the bargaining unit. Affected employees and the Teamsters Local #700 shall be given notice thereof at least two (2) weeks prior to the effective date of such lay-off. Employees affected by this procedure shall immediately return to the position with the Employer from which they have taken a leave and be subject to recall in order of seniority before any new employees are hired within the Fugitive Unit.

**Section 8.6 Termination or Suspension of Seniority:**

An employee's seniority with the Employer shall be suspended or terminated, as may be appropriate, upon the occurrence of the following:

- A. Resignation or retirement;
- B. Discharge for just cause, including but not limited to the following:
  - 1. failure to report for work upon recall from layoff within ten (10) work days after notice to report for work is sent by registered or certified mail to the employee's last address on file with the Bureau of Human Resources;
  - 2. engaging in gainful employment while on an authorized leave of absence, unless permission to engage in such employment was granted in advance by the Employer in writing.
- C. An employee's seniority shall be suspended when the employee is absent from work because of layoff for twelve (12) months, in the case of an employee with less than one (1) year of service, from when the absence began, or twenty-four (24) months in the case of all other employees, or on an approved unpaid leave of absence in excess of six (6) months; except that this provision shall not apply in the case of an employee absent from work because of illness or injury covered by duty disability or ordinary disability benefits.

**Section 8.7 Family and Medical Leave:**

Employees shall be granted family medical leave in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act.

**Section 8.8 Americans with Disabilities Act:**

Whenever an employee (or the Union at the request of an employee) requests an accommodation under the American's with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), or an accommodation of an employee is otherwise contemplated by the Employer, the Employer the employee, and the Union will meet to discuss the matter.

It is the intent of the parties that any reasonable accommodations adopted by the Employer conform to the requirements of this Agreement where practicable. The Employer may take all reasonable steps necessary to comply with the ADA. Any such steps which might conflict with the terms of this Agreement shall be discussed with the Union prior to implementation. The parties shall cooperate in resolving potential conflicts between the Employers' obligation under the ADA and the rights of the Union. Neither party shall unreasonably withhold its consent to the reasonable accommodation of an employee.

Information obtained regarding the medical condition or history of an employee shall be treated in a confidential manner.

Nothing in this Section shall require the Employer to take any action which would violate the ADA or any other applicable statute. Grievances filed in reference to this Section shall begin at Step 3 of the Grievance Procedure.

**Section 8.9 Temporary Light Duty:**

Employees may be returned, at the discretion of the Employer to a full time restricted duty position so long as:

1. The employee's attending physician has provided a written prognosis of expected return to full duty within six (6) months; and
2. The employee has a medical release from the same physician and the county medical staff to perform such work, indicating the employee's current restrictions; and
3. The employee presents the medical release to the Bureau of Human Resources; and
4. An assignment is available that is within the employee's restrictions.

If positions are available for temporary light duty; these positions shall be filled on a first come-first serve basis, regardless of seniority, with notification of such assignment to the Union. The Employer shall not be obligated to create light duty positions.

Under no circumstances may a temporary light duty position be extended beyond six (6) months.

**Section 8.10 Contract Copies Supplied:**

The Employer and the Teamsters Local #700 agree to a 50%-50% split in the cost of reproducing this Agreement in such numbers as may be necessary for all parties. Such reproduction shall be at a pre-agreed price, and shall be completed within sixty (60) days of the execution of this Agreement. The Teamsters Local #700 shall be responsible for ensuring that all dues paying bargaining unit members are supplied with a copy of the fully executed labor Agreement.

**ARTICLE IX  
LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

**Section 9.1 Regular Leave:**

Leaves of absence without pay for employees shall be granted in compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Employer and Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board.

Absence from County service on leave without pay for periods in excess of thirty (30) calendar days, all suspensions, time after layoffs for more than thirty (30) calendar days but less than one (1) year, all absences without leave shall be deducted in computing total continuous service and will effect a change in the anniversary date.

**Section 9.2 Seniority on Leave:**

An employee on an approved unpaid leave of absence shall retain seniority, but shall not accrue pension benefits or additional seniority during such period (except as may be otherwise provided in the County's Pension Plan), if such leave is in excess of thirty (30) days; except that leaves granted under the Family Medical Leave Act shall be exempt and pension and seniority shall continue.

**Section 9.3 Retention of Benefits:**

An employee will not earn sick pay or vacation credits while on an unpaid leave of absence. An employee on an unpaid leave of absence except for maternity or paternity leave will be required to pay the cost of the insurance benefits provided in Article XVII in order to keep these benefits in full force and effect during the period of leave. Arrangements for payments of such costs through normal deduction or otherwise must be made with the County's Payroll Office prior to departure on the leave.

For the failure to make such arrangements the Employer may cancel insurance benefits, which will be reinstated upon the employee's return to work, subject to such waiting period and other rules and regulations as may be applicable to the insurance plan.

**Section 9.4 Military Leave:**

Employees who enter the armed services of the United States shall be entitled to all the re-employment rights provided for in the Universal Military Service and Training Act of 1951, as amended.

An employee, who has at least six (6) months or more of continuous actual service and is a member of the Illinois National Guard or any of the Reserve Components of the Armed Forces of the United States, shall be entitled to leave of absence with full pay for limited service in field training, cruises and kindred recurring obligations. Such leave will normally be limited to eleven (11) working days in each year. The employee will notify the employer at least twenty (20) days prior to leave date when possible.

**Section 9.5 Approval of Leave:**

No request for a leave, as defined in this Article, will be considered unless approved by the Employer.

The Employer may withhold such approval, if, in his judgment, such absence from duty at the particular time requested would interfere with the conduct of the Employer's business. Approval of leaves of absence will not be unreasonably denied, providing that the reasons for the leave are in conformance with the existing policies or applicable laws regarding leaves of absence.

**Section 9.6 Veterans Conventions:**

Any employee who is a delegate or alternate to a National or State convention of a recognized veteran's organization may request a leave of absence without pay for the purpose of attending said convention, providing, however, that any employee requesting a leave must meet the following conditions:

1. The employee must be a delegate or alternate to the convention as established in the bylaws of the organization.
2. They must register with the credentials committee at the convention headquarters.
3. Their name must appear on the official delegate-alternate rolls that are filed at the State headquarters of their organization at the close of the convention.
4. They must have attended no other convention, with a leave of absence, during the fiscal year.
5. The employee must produce, upon returning from the convention, a registration card signed by a proper official of the convention, indicating attendance.

**Section 9.7 Compassionate Leave:**

If an employee with an attendance problem is unable to return due to the serious medical condition of themselves or an immediate family member and has exhausted all available leave options (e.g. FMLA and Disability Leave) the employer may grant a compassionate leave. The length of the leave will be determined by the Employer based on the medical prognosis of the Employees physician and the expected return to duty date provided by the employee's physician.

The Employer reserves the right to get a second opinion regarding the prognosis and expected return to duty. Compassionate leave shall never exceed one year and shall never be given again to the same employee or renewed. Any employee granted compassionate leave shall sign an agreement prior to going on leave that he/she will resign if unable to return to work after the leave expires or if the employee incurs three or more unauthorized absences during the year following the compassionate leave.

## **ARTICLE X CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS**

**Section 10.1 No Strike:**

The Teamsters Local #700 will not cause or permit its members to cause, and will not sanction in any way, any work stoppage, strike, picketing or slowdown of any kind or for any reason, or the honoring of any picket line or other curtailment, restriction or interference with any of the Employers functions or operations; and no employee will participate in any such activities during the term of this Agreement or any extension thereof.

**Section 10.2 Teamsters Local #700 Responsibility:**

Should any activity prescribed in Section 1 of this Article occur, which the Teamsters Local #700 has not sanctioned, the Teamsters Local #700 shall immediately:

- (a) Publicly disavow such action by the employees or other persons involved;
- (b) Advise the Employer in writing that such action has not been caused or sanctioned by the Teamsters Local #700;
- (c) Notify the employees stating that it disapproves of such action and instructing all employees to cease such action and return to work immediately;
- (d) Take such other steps as are reasonably appropriate to bring about observance of the provisions of this Article, including compliance with reasonable requests of the Employer to accomplish this end.

**Section 10.3 Discharge of Violators:**

The Employer shall have the right to discharge or otherwise discipline any or all employees who violate the provisions of this Article. In such event, the employee or employees, or the Teamsters Local #700 on their behalf, shall have no recourse to the grievance procedure, except for the sole purpose of determining whether an employee or employees participated in the action prohibited by this Article. If it is determined that an employee did so participate, the disciplinary action taken by the Employer may not be disturbed.

**Section 10.4 No Lock-Out:**

The Employer agrees that it will not lock out its employees during the term of this Agreement or any extension thereof.

**Section 10.5 Reservation of Rights:**

In the event of any violation of this Article by the Teamsters Local #700 or the Employer, the offended party may pursue any legal or equitable remedy otherwise available, and it will not be a condition of any judicial remedy that any grievance procedure provided in this Agreement is first exhausted.

**ARTICLE XI  
TRAINING AND EDUCATION**

**Section 11.1 Tuition Reimbursement:**

Based on available funds, an employee may request reimbursement up to an amount no greater than \$300.00 per fiscal year for employment related course-work. Application should be made through the Cook County Bureau of Human Resources.

## **ARTICLE XII MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Section 12.1 Health and Safety:**

The Employer will continue to make reasonable provisions for the health and safety of its employees during their hours of employment. The Employer also appreciates suggestions from employees concerning health and safety matters, and will meet periodically with the Teamsters Local #700 to discuss same.

### **Section 12.2 Bulletin Boards:**

The Employer will make bulletin boards available for the use of the Teamsters Local #700 and the Fraternal Order of Police in non-public locations; the Teamsters Local #700 may, at its own expense, erect its own separate bulletin boards in locations agreed to by the Employer. The Teamsters Local #700 and the Teamsters will be permitted to have posted on these bulletin boards notices of a non-controversial nature, and shall submit a copy of them to the Sheriff or his designee for approval.

There shall be no distribution or posting by employees or advertising or political material, notices or other kinds of literature on the Employers property other than herein provided.

### **Section 12.3 Partial Invalidity:**

In the event any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be or become invalid or unenforceable by reason of any Federal or State law now existing or hereinafter enacted, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the remainder of the provisions hereof. The parties agree to meet and adopt revised provisions which would be in conformity with the law.

### **Section 12.4 Sub-Contracting:**

It is the general policy of the Employer to continue to utilize its employees to perform work they are qualified to perform. The Employer may, however, subcontract where circumstances warrant. The Employer also reserves the right to enter into mutual aid and assistance agreements with other units of government. The Employer agrees not to sub-contract bargaining unit work or replace bargaining unit employees. This provision is not intended to prevent the Employer from reducing the work force in the event mutual aid or police service provided by the Employer to other governmental entities cease.

In the event bargaining unit positions will be effected, the Employer will advise the Teamsters Local #700 at least three (3) months in advance of such contemplated changes and will discuss such contemplated changes with the Teamsters Local #700, pursuant to the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act of 1984. The Employer will work with the Teamsters Local #700 in making every reasonable effort to place adversely affected employees into other bargaining unit positions. The Teamsters Local #700 reserves all rights granted by this Agreement and the Act.

### **Section 12.5 Credit Union:**

The Employer agrees to deduct from the wages of employees who so authorize and remit payment

a Credit Union sponsored by the Teamsters Local #700 or any other financial institution they may delegate.

**Section 12.6 Personnel Files:**

The parties agree to abide by the Illinois Personnel Records Review Act 820 ILCS 40/0.01 et seq. as amended.

**Section 12.7 Drug Testing:**

The Joint Employers and the Teamsters Local #700 agree to the provisions of the Sheriff's Drug-Free Workplace Policy General Order, attached herein and made a part of this labor Agreement, as Appendix E. No other drug policy may be substituted without discussion between the parties.

**Section 12.8 Secondary Employment Permitted:**

It is understood that employment with the Cook County Sheriff is the Employee's primary job. In all instances, the employee will operate within the guidelines of the Department's Policies and Procedures where the employee is assigned, regarding secondary employment. Employees working in the capacity of law enforcement officer, security guard or investigator shall furnish proof of the secondary employer's indemnification/liability insurance. Employees engaged in secondary employment shall be allowed to work unlimited hours as long as these hours do not affect the employee's ability to perform his assignments with the employer. Employees' secondary employment shall only be terminated for just cause.

A request for secondary employment shall be automatically approved. The employee shall be required to notify the Department Head/designee in writing, of the location and phone number of the business in which the employee shall be working Secondary Employment. Under the following circumstances, secondary employment may be denied, where the primary business is the sale of intoxicating liquor or gambling and:

1. The employment includes serving as a bartender and/or dispensing intoxicating liquor;
2. The employment includes serving as a cocktail waiter/waitress;
3. The Sheriff's Office deems that the employment will bring discredit upon the department;
4. The employment is security related and prior permission is not granted; and
5. The employee has not completed the supplemental liability insurance form.

Employees who are placed on Administrative Leave without pay shall be allowed to find and work secondary employment without approval from the Cook County Sheriff's Office. Such work may not be related to law enforcement, security or investigative work or any work requiring indemnity or proof of insurance as delineated above and may not in any way rely on their ability to carry a firearm under the Sheriff's Authority or rely on any training that the Sheriff has provided. In all instances, the Employer has seven (7) days to review a request for Secondary Employment, and upon the passing of seven (7) days, unless denied, such request will be deemed automatically approved. Requests shall not be unreasonably denied.

**Section 12.9 Duty Related Injury:**

In the event an employee is injured on duty and is unable to perform his duties, the employee may be placed on a duty related injury leave until such time as the employee is deemed fit to return to duty. During the time, the employee is on a duty related injury leave he shall retain all seniority and benefits.

However, the Sheriff retains the right to recall credentials and badges for just cause; and an officer shall surrender his credentials and badge if he is absent from work for more than 180 days (6 months).

**Section 12.10 D.R.I.V.E. Authorization and Deductions:**

The Employer agrees to deduct from the paycheck of all employees who submit authorization cards and are covered by this agreement voluntary contributions to D.R.I.V.E. D.R.I.V.E. shall notify the Employer for the amounts designated by each contribution employees make that are to be deducted from his/her paycheck on a weekly basis for all weeks worked. The phrase "weeks worked" excludes any week other than a week in which the employee earned a wage. The Employer will remit to:

D.R.I.V.E.  
International Brotherhood of Teamsters  
25 Louisiana Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Send on a monthly basis, in one check, the total amount deducted along with the name of each employee on whose behalf a deduction is made, the employee's social security number and the amount deducted from the employee's paycheck. No such authorization shall be recognized if in violation of State and Federal law. No deductions shall be made which is prohibited by applicable law. Employee shall notify the Employer and the Union in writing if the employee wishes to discontinue these contributions.

**Section 12.11 Union and County Meetings Respecting Health Care:**

For the purpose of maintaining communications between labor and management in order to cooperatively discuss issues respecting health care coverage for all County employees, each Local Union, the County and members of bargaining units not covered by this Agreement shall meet quarterly through designated representatives. Each Local Union shall designate not more than one (1) representative to the Health Care/Management Committee. The County, through its Office of Risk Management, shall prepare and submit an agenda to the other parties at least one (1) week prior to the scheduled meeting, which agenda shall address, among other things, issues raised by each Local Union to the Office of Risk Management. The date and location for such meetings shall be established by the Office of Risk Management, taking into account the scheduling concerns of all County bargaining units.

**Section 12.12 Payback Structure:**

The parties agree that if at any time any member of this Collective Bargaining Agreement is overcompensated for any reason, the member shall be entitled to structure a payment plan in writing with the Employer, to payback what owed compensation. If an agreement cannot be



reached between the member and the employer, the employer (upon providing notice to the member) shall be allowed to deduct what is owed at a percentage of no more than ten (10%) percent of the net salary received over two (2) biweekly pay periods per month until paid.

**Section 12.13 CBA in Electronic Format:**

The parties shall agree upon an electronic format for the collective bargaining agreement, which shall be the definitive version of the Agreement. The County shall be under no obligation to make, distribute or pay for paper copies of the Agreement.

**Section 12.14 Residency:**

The purpose of the residency requirement is to encourage each Cook County employee to maintain a personal commitment to a residence in Cook County and to assure all residents that employees share in the responsibility of investing in the future of the County.

Residency requirement of all Cook County employees: The County shall only employ persons who maintain residence in the County throughout their employment. Wages, salary and employee benefits may only be paid to persons residing in the County. Any new employee shall have six months from date of hire to establish actual residency with Cook County.

Exemption: Grandfather Clause. All present County employees who reside outside of the County on December 1, 2017, are exempt from the provisions of the residency requirements of this section.

**Section 12.5 Recording/GPS/AVL/Devices:**

In order to ensure the safety of Cook County employees and to promote efficiency and economy of operations, if the County installs any recording medium, Global Positioning System (GPS), Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) on its vehicles and other equipment. The purpose of the recording medium, GPS, AVL is to ensure the efficient use of County resources and not for the sole purpose of disciplining its employees. However, the recording, GPS, AVL, or recording medium may be used in support of discipline. The GPS, AVL, or recording medium shall not be used in a discriminatory or harassing manner.

## **ARTICLE XIII HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME**

**Section 13.1 Purpose of Article:**

The provisions of this Article are intended to provide the basis for calculating the normal workday and workweek, and to provide a basis for calculating overtime pay.

**Section 13.2 Regular Work Periods:**

The normal work hours will consist of eighty (80) hours in a two (2) week period. The Sheriff or his designee will meet with the Union to determine the work hours and the day off combination. Any changes to the work schedule, the Sheriff or his designee will meet with the Union thirty (30) days prior to any change in scheduling.

**Section 13.3 Compensatory Time and/or Overtime Compensation:**

- A. Employees may be assigned to overtime work provided that such overtime shall be limited to either emergency conditions which cannot be deferred and which cannot be performed with the personnel available during normal work hours, or because of abnormal peak loads in activities of the institution or department.
- B. For the purpose of calculating overtime, all compensated hours during a fourteen (14) day pay period shall be counted except for FMLA hours and sick leave hours. Employees shall receive overtime at the rate of time and one-half (1 1/2) their normal hourly rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 80 hours in a two week pay period. At the employee's option, time and one-half (1 1/2) overtime may be accumulated as compensatory time due, calculated at the overtime rate, in lieu of pay.

All compensatory time due earned, from what ever source, shall be accumulated to a maximum of four hundred eighty (480) hours. All hours earned in excess of four hundred eighty (480) hours shall be paid in cash.

Compensatory time off may be used in time blocks of one (1) hour or more, at a time mutually agreed to between the employee and his/her supervisor.

**Section 13.4 Overtime Work:**

Employees will be expected to perform any reasonable amounts of overtime work assigned to them. It is the intention of the parties that overtime will be distributed equitably among the employees in the unit as far as practicable, to that end overtime shall be offered to bargaining unit members on a rotating seniority basis.

**Section 13.5 Cook County Overtime Ordinance:**

As of December 1, 2018, in an effort to protect the employees, patients, detainees, and citizens of Cook County: No Cook County employee shall be allowed to work more than 20 hours in overtime in any seven-day (7) period with the exception of emergency situations where the Bureau Chief or Elected Official will be required to provide written authorization; and no Cook County employee shall be allowed to work more than 624 hours (30% of 2080 full-time hours) in overtime with the exception of emergency situations where the Bureau Chief or Elected Official will be required to provide written authorization.

**Section 13.6 Court Time:**

If an employee is required by the Department to appear in court during off-duty hours, the employee shall receive two (2) hours minimum pay, at the rate of time and one-half, or the actual hours worked, whichever is greater.

**Section 13.7 Request to Use Benefit Time:**

All requests to use Benefit Time shall be submitted in writing to the Chief or his designee on each respective watch (Division/Unit, Director/Watch) no later than 48 hours in advance of the date of use, except for requests arising from emergencies that preclude such advance notice.

Such emergency requests will be made with as much notice as possible and shall not be unreasonably denied.

The above submission time limits may be shortened at the Director/Chiefs discretion.

**Section 13.8 Use of Benefit Time:**

Except where required by law, each employee covered by this Agreement shall not be required to use accumulated paid time off ("PTO"), including sick, vacation, compensatory, personal and floating holidays prior to going on any unpaid leave, including leave pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act ("FMLA").

An employee will not earn sick pay or vacation credits while on a leave of absence. An employee on a leave of absence, except for maternity or paternity leave, will be required to pay the cost of the insurance benefits in Article XVII in order to keep these benefits in full force and effect during the period of leave. Arrangements for payments of such costs through normal deductions or otherwise must be made with the entity designated for that purpose by the Employer prior to departure on the leave. For the failure to make such arrangement, the County may cancel insurance benefits which will be reinstate upon the employee's return to work, subject to such waiting period and other rules and regulations as may be applicable to the insurance plan.

**Section 13.9 Excused Time Off:**

Employees required to qualify with their duty weapon will be excused without loss of pay for the initial attempt. Should an employee fail to qualify on his/her scheduled attempt, all subsequent qualifying dates shall be on the employees own time.

Approved auxiliary /secondary weapons qualification will be on the employees own time.

**Section 13.10 Assignments Outside the Department:**

The assignment of an employee by the Employer to work outside the bargaining unit will not operate to forfeit the employee's seniority, accrued benefit time or right to return to the bargaining unit on the termination of the assignment.

**ARTICLE XIV  
RATES OF PAY**

**Section 14.1 Wage Rates:**

See attached salary schedule, Appendix A.

The salary grades and steps applicable to this bargaining unit shall be increased as follows during the term of this Agreement for employees on the active payroll as of union ratification and County approval of this Agreement:

Effective thirty (30) days after ratification by the County Board of Commissioners, a \$1,200 one-time lump sum bonus paid to all employees in active status.

Effective December 1, 2018 reduce all entry level rates by 10%.

Effective December 1, 2018 the pay rates for all classifications shall be frozen.

Effective the first full pay period on or after September 1, 2019 the pay rates for all classifications shall be increased 2.00%.

Effective the first full pay period on or after September 1, 2020 the pay rates for all classifications shall be increased 2.00%.

## **ARTICLE XV HOLIDAYS**

### **Section 15.1 Designation of Holidays:**

A. The following days are hereby declared holidays for all employees in the bargaining unit:

1. New Year's Day - January 1
2. Martin Luther King Birthday - 3rd Monday in January
3. Lincolns Birthday - February 12
4. Presidents Day - Third Monday in February
5. Pulaski's Birthday - 1st Monday in March
6. Memorial Day - Last Monday in May
7. Independence Day - July 4th
8. Labor Day - First Monday in September
9. Columbus Day - Second Monday in October
10. Veterans Day - November 11<sup>th</sup>
11. Thanksgiving Day - The fourth Thursday in November
12. Christmas Day - December 25<sup>th</sup>

It is the intent of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that all salaried Cook County employees be granted twelve (12) holidays, or equivalent paid days off per year. Holidays will be celebrated on the day on which it actually occurs.

B. In addition to the holidays listed, an employee shall be credited with one floating Holiday on December 1 of each year which must be used by the employee between December 1 and November 30. The floating holiday may not be carried over into the fiscal year by the employee. The floating holiday will be scheduled in accordance with the procedure for personal day selection as set forth in this Agreement. Use of the floating holiday is restricted to a full day increment.

Should the Employer require an employee to work a pre-approved, scheduled floating holiday, the employee shall be compensated as provided in Section 15.2(B) of this Agreement.

**Section 15.2 Holiday Compensation:**

- A. If a scheduled holiday coincides with an employee's regular day off, and the employee does not work the holiday, the employee shall receive one (1) day compensatory time due in lieu of holiday pay.
- B. If an employee's regular work schedule coincides with a holiday, and the employee works the holiday, or if an employee is called to work on a holiday, the employee shall receive one and one-half times the employee's hourly rate of pay, for all hours worked, on the holiday, plus an additional one day of compensatory time due.

**Section 15.3 Eligibility:**

To be eligible for holiday pay, an employee must have received at least forty (40) compensable hours during the pay period in which the holiday occurs.

**Section 15.4 Holidays in Vacations:**

If a holiday falls within an employee's scheduled vacation, such employee will be carried as a "Holiday".

**ARTICLE XVI  
VACATION**

**Section 16.1 Vacation Leave:**

- A. All bargaining unit employees, who have completed one year of service with Cook County, including service mentioned in Section 16.1(B), shall be granted vacation leave with pay for periods as follows:

<b>Anniversary of Employment</b>	<b>Days of Vacation</b>	<b>Maximum Accumulation</b>
<b>1st thru 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10 working days</b>	<b>20 working days</b>
<b>7th thru 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>15 working days</b>	<b>30 working days</b>
<b>15th or more</b>	<b>20 working days</b>	<b>40 working days</b>

- B. Any employee of the County of Cook who has rendered continuous service to the City of Chicago, the Chicago Park District, the Forest Preserve District, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and/or the Chicago Board of Education shall have the right to have the period of such service credited and counted for the purpose of

computing the number of years of service as employees of the County for vacation credit only. All discharges and resignations not followed by reinstatement within one (1) year shall interrupt continuous service, and shall result in the loss of all prior service credit. Credit for such prior services shall be established by filing, in the Office of the Comptroller of Cook County a certificate of such prior service from such former place or places of employment.

- C. In the event an employee has not taken vacation leave as provided, by reason of separation from service, the employee, or in the event of death, the employee's spouse or estate, shall be entitled to receive the employee's prevailing salary for such unused vacation periods.
- D. In computing years of service for vacation leave, employees shall be credited with regular working time plus the time of duty disability.
- E. Any Cook County employee who is a re-employed veteran shall be entitled to be credited with working time for each of the years absent due to Military service. The veteran's years of service for purposes of accrual of vacation time in the year of return to employment with Cook County shall be the same as if employment had continued without interruption by Military Service.
- F. Holidays recognized by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County are not counted as part of a vacation.

**Section 16.2 Vacation Preference and Scheduling:**

Vacation picks and scheduling procedures in effect at the time of this Agreement shall remain in effect. Vacations shall be selected within the bargaining unit, on a seniority basis, with a maximum of four (4) persons at any one time allowed vacation time off. If a transfer occurs after the vacation selection, the affected employee's vacation selection shall remain as originally chosen, where possible.

**ARTICLE XVII  
WELFARE BENEFITS**

**Section 17.1 Hospitalization Insurance:**

- A. The County agrees to maintain the current level of employee and dependent health benefits in accordance with Appendix C through fiscal year 2020 with the amended changes:

Item	
Classic Blue	Eliminate
HMO OOP Maximum	\$1,600/\$3,200
HMO Accident/Illness	\$15
HMO Urgent Care	\$15
HMO Specialists	\$20
HMO ER	\$75
PPO Deductible	\$350/\$700
PPO OOP Maximum	\$1,600/\$3,200

PPO Accident/Illness	90% after \$25
PPO Specialist	90% after \$35
PPO ER	\$75
RX	\$15/30/50
Generic Step Therapy	Implement
Mandatory Maintenance Choice	Implement
Healthcare Contributions	Additional 1 percent of salary aggregate increase (.50 percent increase on 12/1/15 and .50 percent increase on 12/1/16)

**Section 17.2 Sick Leave:**

- A. All employees covered by the terms of this Agreement, shall be granted sick leave with pay at the rate of one (1) working day for each month of service. Accruals will be carried out in accordance with the bi-weekly payroll system. Employees must be in a pay status for five (5) days during each bi-weekly payroll period to accrue paid sick leave. Accrued sick leave will carry over if employees change offices or Departments within the County as long as there is no break in service longer than thirty (30) days.
- B. Sick leave may be accumulated to equal, but at no time to exceed, one hundred seventy-five (175) working days (1400 hours, calculated as eight hours work days), at the rate of twelve (12) working days, or ninety-six (96) working hours, per year. Records of sick leave credit and use shall be maintained by each office, department, or institution. Severance of employment terminates all rights for the compensation hereunder. Amount of leave accumulated at the time when any sick leave begins shall be available in full, and additional leave shall continue to accrue while an employee is using that already accumulated.
- C. Sick leave may be used for illness, disability incidental to pregnancy, or non-job-related injury to the employee; appointments with physicians, dentists, or other recognized practitioners; or for serious illness, disability or injury, in the immediate family of the employee. Sick leave shall not be used as additional vacation leave. Sick leave may be used as maternity or paternity leave by employees.
- D. An employee who has been off duty for forty (40) consecutive work hours or more for any health reason may be required to submit to his department head a doctor's certificate as proof of illness, and may be required to undergo examination by the Employer's physician before returning to work, at the Employer's cost. The employer may visit the home of the employee for the purpose of verifying the injury or medical reason, whenever doubt exists as to the validity of the absence.

For health related absences of less than forty (40) consecutive work hours, a doctor's statement or proof of illness will not be required by except in individual instances where the Sheriff has sufficient reason to suspect that the individual did not have a valid health reason for the absence. If indicated by the nature of a health-related absence, examination by the Employer's physician may be required to make sure that the employee is physically fit to return to work.

- E. If, in the opinion of the Sheriff or his designee, the health of an employee warrants prolonged absence from duty, the employee will be permitted to combine his/her vacation, sick leave and personal days.
- F. The employee may apply for disability under the rules and regulations established by the Retirement Board.

**Section 17.3 Disability Benefits:**

Employees incurring any occupational illness or injury will be covered by Workers' Compensation insurance benefit. Employees injured or sustaining occupational disease on duty, who are off work as result thereof shall be paid Total Temporary Disability Benefits pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act. Duty Disability and ordinary disability benefits also will be paid to employees who are participants in the County Employee Pension Plan; Disability benefits will be reduced by any Worker's Compensation benefits received.

Duty Disability benefits are paid to the employee by the Retirement Board when the employee is disabled while performing work duties. Benefits amount to seventy-five percent (75%) of the employee's salary at the time of injury, and begin the day after the date the salary stops. The employee will not be required to use sick time and/or vacation and/or compensatory time for any day of duty disability.

Ordinary disability occurs when a person becomes disabled due to any cause, other than injury on the job. An eligible employee who has applied for such disability compensation will be entitled to receive not less than fifty percent (50%) of salary. The first thirty (30) consecutive days of ordinary disability are compensated for only by the use of any accumulated sick pay and/or vacation and/or compensatory time pay credits unless the employee and the Employer otherwise agree.

**Section 17.4 Life Insurance:**

All employees shall be provided with life insurance in an amount equal to the employee's annual salary (rounded to the next \$1,000), at no cost to the employee, with the option to purchase additional insurance up to a maximum of the employee's annual salary. No life insurance shall be offered through the County's HMO.

**Section 17.5 Pension Plan:**

Pension benefits for employees covered by this Agreement shall be mandated under Chapter 40, Act 5, and Section 1-101 of the 1992 Illinois Compiled Statutes.

**Section 17.6 Dental and Vision Benefits:**

The County agrees to provide a dental and vision insurance plan to its employees and their eligible dependents, at no cost to the employee effective December 1, 1998. The vision and dental care benefits will be as provided in Appendix C of this Agreement.

Effective upon execution of the contract, the County shall offer a PPO Dental Program. Benefits to include an expanded network of both in scope of services provided and number of dentists available. Employees will be able to choose any dentist within the network. There will be no primary care dentist requirement.



**Section 17.7 Flexible Benefits Plan:**

The County agrees to implement a voluntary flexible benefits plan under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Section 17.8 Bereavement Leave:**

- A. Excused leave with pay will be granted for three (3) days, to an employee for the funeral of a member of the employee's immediate family or household. For purposes of this Section, an employee's immediate family includes mother, father, (including in-laws) husband, wife, child (including step, foster, adopted), brothers, sisters, grandchildren, grandparents, or such persons who have reared the employee.
- B. Leave requested to attend the funeral for someone other than a member of an employee's immediate family or household may be granted, but time so used shall be deducted from the accumulated vacation, personal leave or compensatory time due of the employee making the request. The Employee shall have to submit one of the following as proof to the Employer for leave to be compensated for Bereavement Leave: Letter from Funeral Home Director, Obituary or a Certificate of Death.

**Section 17.9 Maternity/Paternity Leave:**

Employees shall be granted maternity or paternity leaves of absence to cover periods of pregnancy and post-partum child care. The length of such leave, in general, shall not exceed six (6) months, but may be renewed by the Sheriff or his designee.

**Section 17.10 Insurance Coverage:**

Employees on layoff status shall retain health and dental insurance coverage for a period of two (2) months following the month in which the effective date of the layoff occurs with the Employer paying the full premium, single or family plan as appropriate.

**ARTICLE XVIII  
ADDITIONAL BENEFITS**

**Section 18.1 Election Day:**

An employee who is a registered voter will receive two (2) hours time off (without pay) during his regular work day so that he/she may vote in any general election. An employee desiring to take such time off shall arrange the exact hours of intended absence with his/her supervisor at least two (2) work days prior to the election.

**Section 18.2 Personal Days:**

All employees shall be permitted thirty-two (32) hours off with pay each fiscal year. Employees may be permitted these thirty-two (32) hours off with pay for personal leave for such occurrences as observances of a religious holiday or for other personal reasons. Such personal days shall not be used in increments of less than four hours at a time.

Employees entitled to receive such leave, who enter Cook County employment during the fiscal year, shall be given credit for such personal leave at the rate of eight (8) hours for each full fiscal quarter in pay status; except that two (2) personal days, may be used for observance of religious holidays prior to accrual, to be paid back in the succeeding two (2) fiscal quarters. No more than thirty-two (32) may be used in a fiscal year.

Personal days shall not be used as additional vacation leave. If the health of an employee warrants prolonged absence from duty, the employee will be permitted to combine personal days, sick leave and vacation leave.

Personal days may be used consecutively and/or as additional vacation leave with permission from the Sheriff or his designee. Personal days off shall be scheduled in advance to be consistent with operating necessities and the convenience of the employee, subject to Department Head approval.

In crediting personal time, the fiscal year shall be divided into the following fiscal quarters:

<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>December, January, February</b>
<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>March, April, May</b>
<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>June, July, August</b>
<b>4th Quarter</b>	<b>September, October, November</b>

Severance of employment for just cause shall terminate all rights to accrued personal days.

**Section 18.3 Uniform Allowance and Changes:**

The employees covered by the terms of this Agreement shall receive eight hundred dollars (\$800.00), effective 12/01/18, uniform/equipment allowance for each fiscal year of the Agreement.

The uniform/equipment allowance shall be paid to the Individual employees during the first pay period in December. Civilian who are not required to maintain a uniform or equipment shall not be eligible to receive a uniform/equipment allowance.

**Section 18.4 Mileage:**

Employees required to use personally owned automobiles in the course of their employment shall be reimbursed at the rate of 34.5 cents per mile in accordance with the Cook County Travel Expense Reimbursement policy effective June 1, 2001. Such rate shall be adjusted upward, a necessary, to ensure that employees are paid the maximum allowable by County policy.

**Section 18.5 Maintenance of Benefits:**

All economic benefits which are not set forth in this Agreement and are currently in effect shall continue and remain in effect until such time as the Employer shall notify the Teamsters Local #700. The Employer shall meet and discuss such change before it is finally implemented.

Any change made without such notice and meeting(s) shall be considered temporary pending the completion of such discussions. The Teamsters Local #700 reserves the right to impact bargain over such changes, including the right to arbitrate any dispute over such changes.

**Section 18.6 Law Enforcement Certification:**

The Sheriff shall use its best efforts to allow employees to obtain Law Enforcement Certification during the term of this agreement. A protocol shall be mutually drafted and agreed upon with regard to such procedures.

**Section 18.7 Retirement Star and Identification:**

Any Fugitive Unit Investigator who retires from the Cook County Sheriff's Office with fifteen (15) years of service shall receive a retirement star within sixty (60) days of the date of retirement. The star shall state Cook County Investigator and have the word retired on it. In the event that the retiree's retirement star is lost or stolen, the replacement cost shall be \$150.00 for a replacement retirement star. The issuance of the employee's retirement credentials will not be delayed due to pending discipline (except Merit Board discipline) and the employee will be given his retirement credentials within sixty (60) days upon the submission by the employee to the Employer of the employee's retirement notice. The employee must be otherwise in good standing. Retirement Stars and Identification cards may be revoked upon criminal conviction or any other State/Federal law that would prohibit such credentials.

**ARTICLE XVI  
DURATION**

**Section 19.1 Term:**

This Agreement shall become effective on December 1, 2017 and shall remain in effect through November 30, 2020. It shall automatically renew itself from year to year thereafter unless either party shall give written notice to the other party not less than ninety (90) calendar days prior to the expiration date, or any anniversary thereof, that it desires to modify this Agreement. In the event such written notice is given by either party, this Agreement shall continue to remain in effect after the expiration date until a new Agreement has been reached. This Agreement shall be applicable to all employees who were employed as of December 1, 2008.

**Section 19.2 Notice:**

Any notice under this Agreement shall be given by registered or certified mail. If given by the Teamsters Local #700, then such notice shall be addressed to the following individuals:

1. President  
Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
118 North Clark Street - Room 537  
Chicago, IL 60602
2. Sheriff  
Daley Center - Room 704  
Chicago, IL 60602
3. Chief  
Bureau of Human Resources  
118 North Clark Street - Room 840  
Chicago, IL 60602

If given by the County to the Teamsters Local #700, then such notice shall be addressed to:

International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local #700  
1300 Higgins Road  
Suite 301  
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068

Either party may, by like written notice, change the address to which notice shall be given

Signed and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2019.

COUNTY OF COOK

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF  
COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

APR 25 2019

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*Toni Preckwinkle*

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Cook County Board of Commissioners

*Thomas J. Dart*

THOMAS J. DART  
Sheriff of Cook County

*Karen Yarbrough*

Karen Yarbrough  
Cook County Clerk

Union: **International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local #700**  
(Representing Fugitive Investigators)

*Michael G. Melons*

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*Vincent F. Tenuto Jr.*

Vincent F. Tenuto Jr. Secretary Treasurer Teamsters Local 700

**APPENDIX A**

**SCHEDULE I**

**BUREAU OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
TEAMSTERS 700 – SHERIFF FUGITIVE UNIT**

**SCHEDULE I  
BUREAU OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
TEAMSTERS 700 - SHERIFF FUGITIVE UNIT**

Effective September 1, 2019

**SCHEDULE I  
BUREAU OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
TEAMSTERS 700 - SHERIFF FUGITIVE UNIT**

Effective September 1, 2020

										Year at 1st Longevity Rate & 10 Years After 2 Years At 5th Step	Year at 2nd Longevity Rate & 15 Years Service	Year at 3rd Longevity Rate & 20 Years Service
<u>Grade</u>		<u>Entry Rate</u>	<u>Entry Rate</u>	<u>1st Step</u>	<u>2nd Step</u>	<u>3rd Step</u>	<u>4th Step</u>	<u>5th Step</u>	<u>6th Step</u>	<u>7th Step</u>	<u>8th Step</u>	<u>9th Step</u>
18	Hourly	28.863	29.958	31.230	32.558	33.941	35.364	36.839	38.455	39.913	40.305	42.322
	Bi-Weekly	2,167.04	2,298.64	2,498.40	2,604.64	2,716.26	2,830.72	2,951.12	3,076.40	3,161.04	3,224.40	3,385.76
	Annual	58,083	62,312	64,958	67,720	70,587	73,598	76,729	79,388	82,167	83,834	88,629



**COOK COUNTY HEALTH PLAN DESIGN/APPENDIX C – VERSION II**  
**PLAN DESIGN AND PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS CHANGES EFFECTIVE**  
**DECEMBER 1, 2017 AND DECEMBER 1, 2020**

**Cook County Benefit Overview**

<b>HMO(s)</b>	<b>Current - Benefits Effective 12/1/2015</b>	<b>Benefits Effective 6/1/2018</b>
<i>Out of Pocket Maximum</i>	All Copays accumulate to OOP Max	All Copays accumulate to OOP Max
<i>Out of Pocket Maximum</i>	\$1,600 single / \$3,200 family	\$1,600 single / \$3,200 family
<i>Inpatient Facility</i>	\$100 copay per admit	\$100 copay per admit
<i>Preventive</i>	\$0 copay (100% Covered)	\$0 copay (100% Covered)
<i>Other PCP / Urgent Care</i>	\$15 copay	\$15 copay
<i>Specialists</i>	\$20 copay	\$20 copay
<i>X-Ray / Diagnostic tests (performed in lab or hospital)</i>	\$0 copay	\$0 copay
<i>Accident / illness</i>	\$15 copay	\$15 copay
<i>Emergency Room</i>	\$75 copay	\$75 copay

<b>PPO</b>	<b>Current - Benefits Effective 12/1/2015</b>	<b>Benefits Effective 6/1/2018</b>
<i>Deductible and Out of Pocket Maximum</i>	Copay and Deductibles do accumulate to OOP Max	Copay and Deductibles do accumulate to OOP Max
<i>Annual Deductible</i>	\$350 / \$700 (Single / Family) 2x Out of Network	\$350 / \$700 (Single / Family) 2x Out of Network
<i>Out of Pocket Maximum</i>	\$1,600/\$3,200 (Single / Family) 2x Out of Network	\$1,600/\$3,200 (Single / Family) 2x Out of Network
<i>Inpatient Facility</i>	90% In network / 60% Out of network	90% In network / 60% Out of network
<i>Preventive</i>	\$0 copay (100% Covered)	\$0 copay (100% Covered)
<i>PCP</i>	90% coinsurance after \$25 copay / 60% Out of network	90% coinsurance after \$25 copay / 60% Out of network
<i>Specialists</i>	90% coinsurance after \$35 copay / 60% Out of network	90% coinsurance after \$35 copay / 60% Out of network
<i>X-Ray / Diagnostic tests (performed in lab or hospital)</i>	90% in network 60% Out of network	90% in network 60% Out of network
<i>Accident / Illness</i>	90% coinsurance after \$25 copay / 60% Out of network	90% coinsurance after \$25 copay / 60% Out of network
<i>Emergency Room – In / Out of Network</i>	\$75 copay	\$75 copay

**COOK COUNTY HEALTH PLAN DESIGN/APPENDIX C – VERSION II  
PLAN DESIGN AND PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS CHANGES EFFECTIVE  
DECEMBER 1, 2017 AND DECEMBER 1, 2020**

**Cook County Benefit Overview (Cont.)**

<b>Drug</b>	<b>Current - Benefits Effective 12/1/2015</b>	<b>Benefits Effective 6/1/2018</b>
<i>Prescription Drugs – Retail</i>	Generic: \$10 copay Brand Formulary: \$25 copay Brand Non-Formulary: \$40 copay Mail Order: 2 x retail	Generic: \$15 copay Brand Formulary: \$30 copay Brand Non-Formulary: \$50 copay Mail Order: 2 x retail
<i>Generic Step Therapy</i>	PBM's generic step therapy program	PBM's generic step therapy program
<i>Mandatory Maintenance Choice</i>	Mandatory mail-order for maintenance drugs	Mandatory mail-order for maintenance drugs

<b>Vision</b>	<b>Current - Benefits Effective 12/1/2015</b>
<i>Eye Examination</i>	\$0 copay Once per 12 months
<i>Eyeglass Lenses*</i>	\$0 copay standard uncoated plastic Once per 12 months
<i>Frames</i>	\$0 copay up to \$100 / Amount over \$100 less 10% Once per 24 months
<i>Contact Lenses*</i>	\$0 copay up to \$100 Once per 12 months

***\*Either eyeglass lenses OR contact lenses are covered every 12 months***

**COOK COUNTY HEALTH PLAN DESIGN/APPENDIX C – VERSION II**  
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<b>Dental – HMO</b>	<b>Current – Benefits Effective 12/1/2015</b>
<i>Annual Deductible</i>	\$0 (None)
<i>Benefit Period Maximum</i>	None
<i>Preventive</i>	Requires a Maximum Allowance Includes 2 exams / cleanings per benefit period; Includes fluoride treatments under age 19
<i>Basic Benefits</i>	Requires a copayment for each specific service; Copayments equal a discount of approximately 70%
<i>Major Services</i>	Requires a copayment for each specific service; Copayments equal a discount of approximately 60%
<i>Orthodontics</i>	Requires copayments; Copayments equal a discount of approximately 25%; Max one full course of treatment for dependent children under 19

<b>Dental – PPO</b>	<b>Current - Benefits Effective 12/1/2015</b>
<i>Annual Deductible</i>	\$25 Individual / \$100 Family (In network) \$50 Individual / \$200 Family (Out of network)
<i>Preventive</i> <i>(2 exams / cleanings per Benefit Period)</i>	100% of Maximum Allowance (In network) 80% of Maximum Allowance (Out of network)
<i>Primary Services</i> <i>X-Rays</i> <i>Space Maintainers</i>	80% of Maximum Allowance (In network) 60% of Maximum Allowance (Out of network)
<i>Restorative Services</i> <i>Routine Fillings</i>	80% of Maximum Allowance (In network) 60% of Maximum Allowance (Out of network)
<i>Emergency Services</i>	80% of Maximum Allowance (In network) 80% of Maximum Allowance (Out of network)
<i>Endodontics</i>	80% of Maximum Allowance (In network)

	60% of Maximum Allowance (Out of network)
<i>Periodontics</i>	80% of Maximum Allowance (In network) 60% of Maximum Allowance (Out of network)
<i>Oral Surgery</i>	80% of Maximum Allowance (In network) 60% of Maximum Allowance (Out of network)
<i>Prosthetics</i>	50% of Maximum Allowance (In and out of network)
<i>Orthodontics</i>	50% up to a lifetime max of \$1,250 (In and out of network)

### **Cook County Benefit Overview (Cont.)**

#### **Employee Contributions – As a Percentage of Salary (Pre-Tax)**

<b>Blue Advantage HMO</b>	<b>Current Effective 12/1/2016</b>
Employee Only	1.50%
Employee + Spouse	2.00%
Employee + Child(ren)	1.75%
Employee + Family	2.25%

<b>PPO</b>	<b>Current Effective 12/1/2016</b>
Employee Only	2.50%
Employee + Spouse	3.00%
Employee + Child(ren)	2.75%
Employee + Family	3.25%

<b>Dental</b>	<b>Current Effective 12/1/2016</b>
HMO	\$0
PPO	\$0

<b>Vision</b>	<b>Current Effective 12/1/2016</b>
Vision Plan	\$0

**APPENDIX D**

**Side Letter of Agreement**

**Mandatory Retirement**

**Between**

**International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local #700**

**And**

**Sheriff of Cook County**

**The Parties agree to abide by the mandatory retirement age of sixty-five (65) years old which shall only apply to members hired after the effective date of ratification of the 12/0108 through 11/30/12 collective bargaining agreement.**

## APPENDIX “E” - DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY

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## I. PURPOSE

The illegal manufacture, distribution, dispensing, sale, transfer, possession or use of drugs or controlled substances is prohibited by federal, state and local law. The Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, Title 41, Sections 702-704 are applicable to Cook County Government as a grantee of federal funds. The Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a resolution that established a policy to maintain all county government workplaces as drug-free workplaces.

The Department recognizes that pervasive illegal drug use has become a national crisis. Drug use in the workplace poses enormous problems in the areas of public health and safety as well as substantial social and economic costs. The Department must play a key role in "The War On Drugs," not only in terms of its public responsibilities as a law enforcement agency, but also in terms of its responsibilities for employee health and well-being. It is imperative that all sworn employees have the physical stamina and psychological stability to promptly perform all required duties under conditions of duress and possibly even great danger.

The overriding purpose of the criminal justice system is to protect community safety through the apprehension, adjudication and incarceration of lawbreakers. Because of the special status of peace officers in our society, drug use by any officer has a particularly devastating effect on all of law enforcement.

Community confidence in law enforcement agencies could be severely damaged if those charged with safeguarding it were, because of their own drug use, either restrained in or unsympathetic to their mission of interdicting drugs. But drug use by sworn officers could be nothing short of disastrous if it impacts on public safety and the ability of officers to perform their duties. The purpose of this order is to:

- A. Establish a policy to detect, deter and eventually eliminate drug use by sworn employees;
- B. Promulgate Department policy that prohibits the presence of either of the following in an employee's system;
  - 1. Illegal drugs and controlled substances or their metabolites;
  - 2. Legally prescribed drugs in excess of prescribed limits.
- C. Set forth policy and procedures governing random, mandatory and reasonable suspicion drug testing of all sworn employees;
- D. Achieve the goal of a safe, efficient and drug-free workplace through a fair, equitable, consistent, confidential and reasonable drug testing policy that ensures due consideration of the rights of employees as well as their privacy, integrity, reliability and dignity throughout the process for the protection of both employees and the public;
- E. Encourage sworn employees who have drug use problems to participate in the Employee Assistance Program or a drug rehabilitation program prior to detection via the Department's drug testing program;
- F. Provide for confidentiality of testing results;
- G. Decrease absenteeism, injuries on the job, liability and financial burden on employee health and benefit programs;

- H. Ensure the professional credibility, unimpeachable integrity and judgment of sworn employees by providing sanctions for prohibited off-duty conduct which undermines public trust and is inconsistent with on-duty representations;
- I. Promote public confidence in the safety and integrity of all sworn personnel and ensure their fitness for duty;
- J. Discourage and deter any temptation to deviate from acceptable behavior by the implementation of a drug testing program and subsequent disciplinary sanctions that guarantee that the only acceptable course of conduct is complete abstinence from illegal drug and controlled substance use;
- K. Balance the interests of the Department, employees and the general public with a fair, confidential and accurate drug-testing program;
- L. Recognize the establishment of the Drug Testing Unit within the Sheriff's Office as a critical component of efforts to combat drug abuse in our society;
- M. Describe responsibilities and procedures relative to the Drug Testing Program;
- N. Institute the use of the Drug Testing Program Notification Form (RDT-92-100) and the Drug Screen Specimen Affidavit Form (RDT-92-101).

## II. POLICY STATEMENT

The Department recognizes that the vast majority of its sworn employees are not drug users and will not become drug users. A few are not drug-free, and some could possibly fall prey to the insidious spread of drug use, absent the strong preventive and deterrent effect of a drug-testing program. This policy has not arisen from distrust, but rather from the desire to provide a better working environment.

It is imperative that all sworn employees possess the judgment, dexterity, physical stamina and psychological stability and are capable of devoting consistent and uninterrupted attention to the performance of all required duties without risk of harm to themselves, other employees or the public. As a result of its responsibilities, as well as the sensitive nature of its work, the Department has an obligation to eliminate illegal drug use from its workplace.

It is therefore the policy of the Department to take all reasonable measures to maintain a work environment free of the unlawful use of drugs or controlled substances and prevent an otherwise pervasive societal problem from invading the ranks of its sworn employees.



- A. This policy applies to all sworn employees of the Department. For the purposes of this policy and directive, sworn employees (or employees) are defined as persons of any rank or title who are required, or authorized, to carry firearms while on or off duty, and who derive their peace officer powers from their status as deputy sheriffs by virtue of appointment by the Sheriff of Cook County.
- B. The term "drug" or "controlled substance" include, but are not limited to, the following substances and their respective metabolites:
  - 1. Cannabis as defined in 720 ILCS 550/3 (a), or as amended
  - 2. Controlled substances as defined in Chapter 720 ILCS 570/102 (f), or as amended
- C. The unlawful involvement with drugs; the presence in an employee's system of drugs or controlled substances or their metabolites; the use of cannabis or non-prescribed controlled substances; or the abuse of legally prescribed drugs or controlled substances by sworn employees of the Department, at any time, while on or off-duty, are strictly prohibited.
- D. Violations of this policy, substantiated by a confirmed positive drug test, will result in disciplinary action leading to the dismissal of a sworn exempt employee or probationary merit employee; or the referral of charges to the Merit Board, by the Sheriff or his designee, seeking the discharge of a sworn merit employee.
- E. This policy does not apply to the use of controlled substances within the limits of a medically valid prescription except where such use is found to be an excessive or abusive use of prescribed controlled substances; legal drugs illegally obtained; multiple prescriptions for controlled substances from one or more physicians; or not in accordance with the "good faith" definition provided in 720 ILCS 570/102 (u).
- F. All sworn employees of the Department shall be subject to urinalysis drug testing on a mandatory, random or reasonable suspicion basis. Employees selected for drug testing are required to cooperate fully in the testing process. The actions listed below, whether they occur during or after the collection or analysis of drug specimens, are violations of this policy. Any such action will be used as a basis for the initiation of a disciplinary action in accordance with Article 11, Section D, of this directive.
  - 1. Refusal to submit to testing;
  - 2. Failure to cooperate;
  - 3. Tampering or attempting to tamper with urine specimens;
  - 4. Adulteration of a test sample;
  - 5. Submission of or attempt to submit a false test sample;

6. Any other activities designed to interfere with, impede or otherwise obstruct drug testing.
- G. "Reasonable suspicion" is defined as a belief based on objective facts sufficient to lead a reasonably prudent supervisor to find that a sworn employee is using, or has used, drugs in violation of this policy. The suspicion must be drawn from specific, objective, articulable facts and reasonable, rational inferences drawn from those facts in light of experience. The facts must lead the supervisor to believe that the employee's ability to perform the functions of the job is impaired, or that the employee's ability to perform his/her job safely is reduced.
1. Reasonable suspicion drug testing shall be conducted when a sworn employee has exhibited unusual work habits or behavioral traits and is incapable of performing required duties and a manager or supervisor has furnished written documentation citing specific instances of reasonable and articulable suspicion that the employee is under the influence of drugs or has otherwise violated this policy.
  2. Factors to be considered by command and supervisory personnel in determining whether a finding of reasonable suspicion is appropriate may include, but are not limited to, any of the following, alone or in combination:
    - a. Observable phenomena, such as direct observation of drug use and/or the physical symptoms or manifestations of being under the influence of drugs;
    - b. Abnormal conduct or erratic behavior while on-duty;
    - c. Excessive unexcused absenteeism, tardiness or deterioration in work performance;
    - d. Slurred speech or unsteady walking or movement;
    - e. Illegal possession of drugs or controlled substances or an arrest for violation of a drug statute;
    - f. Information obtained from reliable and credible sources with personal knowledge which has been independently corroborated.
- H. In addition to random and reasonable suspicion drug testing, mandatory drug testing shall be conducted when a sworn employee:
1. Is appointed to an exempt position, subject to promotion to a career service rank, or is applying for assignment to certain specialized Department units;
  2. Qualifies for an extra-departmental training program of more than two weeks duration;

3. Is returning to the Department after an absence of 15 days or more with the exception of vacation time, personal time, holiday and compensatory time due days, however if the reason for the absence is medical and medical time is used initially but other time earned is then used in the alternative the employee Will be subject to testing.
    - a. From a leave of absence or suspension;
    - b. Pursuant to an order of court or an order of the Merit Board;
    - c. to be re-employed.
  4. Is involved in an accident involving a Department vehicle that results in a fatality or injury, which demands immediate medical attention away from the scene of the accident or any property damage, and sufficient facts exist to support a supervisory finding of reasonable suspicion, or when the circumstances require testing in accordance with existing statutes.
- I. Sworn employees acting in their official capacity as peace officers in undercover roles and as a direct result of their official assignments shall not be disciplined under this policy. However, any employee who has reason to believe that an on-duty official capacity activity has, or will result in the presence of a drug or controlled substance in his/her system must submit a confidential written report to the Department Head within 24 hours from the time of exposure. Consideration of reported claims of on-duty exposures shall be limited to life threatening and tactically unavoidable circumstances which are documented and submitted in accordance with the time limits established herein. Failure to report a possible on duty exposure will negate any claim that a subsequent confirmed positive drug test was the result of an on-duty activity.
  - J. The provisions of this policy shall not prevent the Department from conducting medical screenings, with the express written consent of the employee, to monitor exposure to toxic or other unhealthy substances in the workplace or in the performance of their responsibilities. Any such screenings shall be limited to the specific substances expressly identified in the employee consent form.

### III. MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Commanders and supervisors are responsible for the reasonable enforcement of this policy.

- A. Commanders and supervisors shall request approval by the Department Head that a sworn employee be required to submit to a drug test when they have a reasonable suspicion that the employee is under the influence of drugs while on-duty or otherwise in violation of this order and policy.
- B. Any commander or supervisor requesting that an employee be required to submit to a drug test must document, in writing, the facts constituting reasonable suspicion.
- C. A summarized copy of the written report, including the facts constituting reasonable suspicion, shall be furnished to the employee when the employee is ordered to submit to a reasonable suspicion drug test approved by the Department Head.

- D. Commanders and supervisors encountering an employee who refuses an order to submit to a drug analysis upon direct order shall advise the employee of the requirements of this order and the disciplinary consequences of this policy.
- E. Employees reasonably believed to be under the influence of drugs or controlled substances shall be prevented from engaging in further work. Command and supervisory personnel shall arrange for the safe transportation of such employees from the workplace.

#### IV. EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES

While the use of medically prescribed drugs is not per se a violation of this policy, failure by the employee to notify his/her supervisor before beginning work, when taking prescribed drugs which could foreseeably interfere with the safe and effective performance of duties or operation of Department equipment can result in discipline.

In the event there is a question regarding an employee's ability to safely and effectively perform assigned duties while using prescribed drugs, clearance from a qualified physician shall be required. Each employee shall:

- A. Not report for duty when his/her ability to perform job duties is impaired due to on or off duty drug use;
- B. Notify the Department of his/her conviction for a violation of any criminal drug statute regulating the manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a drug or controlled substance within 24 hours of such conviction;
- C. Promptly obey an order to submit to a drug testing procedure required by this order.

#### V. CONFIDENTIALITY

All information, interviews, reports, statements, memoranda and test results, written or otherwise, received by the Department through the drug testing program are the property of the Department and are confidential communications. They shall not be used or received in evidence in any criminal proceeding against the employee, obtained in discovery, or disclosed in any public or private proceedings, except in accordance with the provisions of this order.

- A. Laboratory reports and test results shall not be placed in an employee's general personnel file, but shall be kept in a separate confidential medical folder that shall be securely kept under the control of the Drug Testing Unit. The Unit is authorized to release the contents of the confidential medical folder to the Department Head or Commander of Internal Investigations.
- B. Disclosure of a positive confirmed drug test result without employee consent is authorized when it is:

1. Required in a disciplinary action;
  2. Compelled by law or by judicial or administrative process (providing that the employee is given timely written notice by the Department);
  3. The information is needed by medical personnel for the emergency diagnosis or treatment of the employee, and the employee is unable to authorize disclosure.
- C. No physician-patient relationship is created between an employee and the Department or any person performing or evaluating a drug test, solely by the establishment, implementation or administration of the drug testing programs conducted in accordance with this order and policy.

## VI. TESTING LABORATORY CERTIFICATION

- A. The initial screening of urine specimens and confirmation testing of positive immunoassays required by this policy shall only be conducted by a licensed laboratory that meets the standards appropriate to the application of analytical forensic toxicology. The laboratory must conform to the guidelines of, and be certified to perform urine drug testing by, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and must be licensed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The laboratory must meet the strict standards established in the Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs (53FR 11979, 11989) published on April 11, 1988, or as amended. The laboratory must have in its possession a letter of certification from HHS/SAMHSA and be listed in the Federal Register. In addition, the laboratory must be licensed and/or accredited by the:

1. College of American Pathologists, American Association for Clinical Chemistry, Forensic Urine Drug Testing Accreditation Program;
  2. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Clinical Laboratory License;
  3. State of Illinois, Department of Public Health License (Illinois Clinical Laboratory Act);
  4. State of Illinois, Department of Professional Regulation, Controlled Substance License;
  5. U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration Controlled Substance Registration.
- B. The laboratory contracted for the testing of specimens submitted in accordance with this order shall be required to provide for and employ the following policies, procedures, and personnel:
1. Initial drug screening tests utilizing the EMIT or equally reliable method;
  2. Confirmation testing utilizing the Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS) method;
  3. Rigorous chain of custody procedures for collection of specimens and for handling specimens during testing and storage;

4. Stringent standards for making the drug testing site secure, for restricting access to all but authorized personnel and providing an escort for any others who are authorized to be on the premises;
5. Precise requirements for quality assurance and performance testing specific to urine specimens for the presence of controlled substances or illegal drugs and their metabolites;
6. Specific educational and experience requirements for laboratory personnel to ensure their competence and credibility as experts on forensic urine drug testing, particularly to qualify them as witnesses in legal proceedings, which challenge the finding of the laboratory.

## VII DRUG TESTING UNIT

The Administrator of the Drug Testing Unit shall be responsible for the operation of the drug-testing program established by this order in accordance with the Mandatory Guidelines in Appendix "A" of this order and shall also be responsible for:

- A. Assuring that privacy intrusions are minimized during the collection of urine specimens and that specimens are stored and transported to testing laboratories under such conditions that the quality of the specimens shall not be jeopardized;
- B. Ensuring that the identities of employees whose tests show positive for the presence of a drug or controlled substance are limited to the Department Head or the Commander of Internal Investigations;
- C. Ensuring the development of a computer generated program to select employees for random drug testing;
- D. Assuring rigorous chain of custody procedures for the collection, handling and proper documentation of test specimens during testing and storage;
- E. Ensuring the generation of the random selection listing of personnel to identify employees who are to be directed to submit to drug testing on particular dates and shifts;
- F. Ensuring the notification of the commanders or supervisors of each employee to be tested;
- G. Developing standard operating procedures to ensure the efficient operation and integrity of the Drug Testing Program;
- H. Ensuring the notification of an employee's unit of assignment upon completion of the employee's specimen collection;
- I. Coordination and liaison with the certified testing laboratory contracted by the Department;
- J. Evaluating the program and collecting and compiling anonymous statistical data including, but not limited to, reporting the number of:
  1. Random, reasonable suspicion and mandatory tests;
  2. Verified positive test results;

3. Disciplinary actions initiated as a result of confirmed positive test results and other violations of this policy.

K. Assisting in developing employee drug education and prevention programs.

#### VIII. RANDOM DRUG TESTING SELECTION PROCEDURES

- A. The random selection of employees to be tested shall be based on a computer-generated listing, which shall ensure that there are no "safe periods" for any sworn employee. Each workday shall present every affected employee with a new opportunity of being required to submit to the random testing program, with a substantially equal statistical chance for all employees on each new day, regardless of samples previously submitted. The selection process shall employ objective, neutral criteria and shall not permit subjective factors to play a role in the methodology.
- B. The number of random tests to be performed in any year shall be determined by a formula based on testing twenty (20) per cent of the sworn employees who are in the common selection pool.
- C. The collection of specimens for random testing shall be evenly distributed throughout the year. The number of specimens collected weekly, monthly or quarterly shall remain relatively constant.
- D. Random testing shall be conducted on different days of the week throughout the annual cycle to prevent employees from anticipating patterns in collection schedules.
- E. The computerized random selection listing shall be generated from the common selection pool of all sworn employees utilizing a confidential identification number uniquely assigned to each individual employee. The association with and identification of the employee's name shall be known only to the Administrator or designee of the Drug Testing Unit until such a time as the daily selection for testing list is prepared for notification.

#### IX. EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

When a commander or supervisor receives notification from the Drug Testing Unit, he/she shall prepare a Drug Testing Notification Form (RDT-92-100) in triplicate and read and explain the contents of the form to the affected employee. The Drug Testing Notification Form shall be distributed as follows:

- A. Original to the affected employee for presentation at the Drug Testing Unit for its retention;
- B. Second copy shall be retained by the affected employee;
- C. Third copy shall be retained by the commander or supervisor of the affected employee in the unit of assignment or detail for 30 days.

The commander/supervisor of an affected employee, when notified that the employee is leaving the unit of assignment to submit the required specimen, shall immediately contact and inform the Drug Testing Unit that the employee is enroute to the testing site.

X. DUTIES OF EMPLOYEES SELECTED FOR DRUG TESTING

A sworn employee who is selected to be tested shall fully cooperate in the completion of all phases of the testing process and shall adhere to the following procedures:

- A. Upon notification that he/she has been selected for drug testing, the employee shall be required to report to the Drug Testing Unit office site in a timely fashion before the conclusion of his/her tour of duty on which the notification was received.

Affected personnel shall report in accordance with the following schedule:

1. First shift personnel shall report no earlier than 0500 hours and no later than 0800 hours;
  2. Second shift personnel shall report no earlier than 0600 hours and no later than 1400 hours;
  3. Third shift personnel shall report no earlier than 1400 hours and no later than 2000 hours.
- B. Upon arrival at the Drug Testing Unit office, employees shall identify themselves, present their photo identification card and the original Drug Testing Program Notification Form.
- C. Answer all pre-test questions relating to their medical history regarding the use of any/all prescribed drug(s).
- D. Upon completion of the specimen collection process, the employee shall immediately return to duty status.
- E. An affected employee's tour of duty shall not be considered completed until he/she has submitted the required urine specimen.



## XI. TEST RESULT PROCEDURES

### A Confirmation and Reporting of Test Results.

1. All employees shall be notified, in writing, of the results of their drug screening test, whether negative or positive.
2. A drug screening specimen that initially yields a positive result shall be tested a second time using a gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) test.
3. If the second test confirms the initial positive test result, the employee shall be notified of the results in writing. The notification shall identify the particular drug(s) or controlled substances or their metabolites and shall specify the concentration level.
4. An employee whose confirmation test as specified in paragraph 3, is deemed positive, may, at the employee's own expense, have additional testing conducted on the original test sample. The employee shall have forty-eight (48) hours to notify the Drug Testing Unit, in writing, that he/she intends to have the confirmation verified by a laboratory of his/her own choice. The laboratory must be certified by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) and must meet the requirements established by Article VI of this Order.
5. Any employee who is the subject of a drug test that results in a positive confirmed test shall, upon written request, have access to any test or laboratory records relating to his/her drug test.
6. Confirmed positive test specimens shall be delivered to the laboratory of the employee's choice by the laboratory that performed the test for the Department. The original laboratory shall be responsible for the transfer of the portion of the specimen to be retested and for the integrity of the chain of custody during such transfer.
7. Quantitation for a retest is not subject to a specific cut off level requirement, but must provide data sufficient to confirm the presence of the drug or metabolite. Because some **analysis** may deteriorate or are lost during storage, detected levels of the drug below the detection limits established by this policy, but equal or greater than the established sensitivity of the assay must, as technically appropriate, be reported and considered corroborative of the original positive results.
8. An original copy of the results of the retest conducted by the employee's chosen laboratory shall be delivered to the Drug Test Unit within ten (10) calendar days from the date the specimen was delivered to the employee selected laboratory by the Department laboratory.
9. If the HHS/SAMHSA certified laboratory selected by the employee disputes the positive finding(s) of the laboratory utilized by the Department within the time allotted, using the same testing procedures used by the original laboratory, then no further action shall be taken against the employee. If the retest result is negative, the Department shall reimburse the employee for the expenses

incurred for the retest. Such reimbursement shall be limited to the current cost to the Department for GC/MS confirmation testing.

10. If the laboratory selected by the employee fails to dispute the positive finding(s) within the allotted time, or if the employee fails or refuses to elect the confirmatory testing procedure within the time or in the manner prescribed herein, or if the employee fails to present the results of the second laboratory's test within the allotted time, the Drug Testing Unit will proceed with the preliminary investigation previously initiated as a result of the initial confirmation finding of the original laboratory.

B. Upon receipt of notification of a positive test result, the Administrator of the Drug Testing Unit or designee shall confidentially notify the Department Head or the Commander of the Internal Investigations Section who shall:

1. Notify the affected employee and request that he/she furnish documentation relating to the use of any legally prescribed drugs (e.g., valid prescriptions, prescribing physician's statement, etc.).
2. When necessary, initiate a preliminary investigation to determine the validity of the employee's statement and evidence provided in support of a claim that he/she is presently taking prescribed drugs.
  - a. If the preliminary investigation reveals that the drugs have been legally prescribed and are being consumed at a therapeutic level in accordance with prescription directions, no further action shall be taken.
  - b. In all other instances, the Department Head or the Commander of the Internal Investigations Section shall be notified when the confirmed test results indicate positive evidence of drug usage by the employee. No action shall be taken as the result of a positive test result solely on the basis of an initial screening test procedure.

## XII. SEARCHES FOR ILLEGAL DRUGS

In the course of investigations related to this policy, investigative personnel may conduct searches of Department owned property including, but not limited to lockers, desks, briefcases, toolboxes, offices, vehicles, etc. Searches of Department owned property may occur on or off Department premises.

In the course of an investigation under this policy where reasonable grounds exist either by testing positive for substances provided for in this policy or by being arrested for a violation of the Illinois Controlled Substance Act or the Cannabis Control Act, searches of employee owned property may only occur on Department premises or in Department owned vehicles. By accepting employment with, or performing services for the Department all employees are deemed to have consented to such searches and no further consent shall be necessary.

## XIII. EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Department fully supports the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and encourages employees who are using illegal or unauthorized drugs or controlled substances to seek the confidential services of the Program. The EAP plays an important role by providing employees an opportunity to eliminate the use of illegal drugs or controlled substances. Referrals can be made to appropriate treatment and rehabilitative facilities who shall follow up with individuals during their

rehabilitation period to track their progress and encourage successful completion of the program. Enrollment in, or current participation in, an EAP or other rehabilitation program will not excuse an employee from drug testing programs initiated by this policy and order; nor shall such participation preclude disciplinary action against an employee who tests positive for drug use during the course of any testing procedure required by this order.

#### XIV. CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND INCLUSION OF APPENDICES

- A. This order and policy supersedes and takes precedence over any existing orders or directives. Any conflict between this order and policy shall be resolved in favor of this order.
- B. Appendices referred to or cited in this order are parts of this order and shall have the same force and effect as any other part of this order and policy.

#### XV. SAVINGS CLAUSE

If any provision of this policy/order or any application thereof should be rendered or declared unlawful, invalid or unenforceable by virtue of any judicial action, or by any existing or subsequently enacted Federal or State legislation or any other competent authority, such legislation or finding shall not affect the enforceability of any other provisions of this policy/order which shall remain in full force and effect.

**APPENDIX “E” - DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY**  
**MANDATORY GUIDELINES FOR FEDERAL WORKPLACE DRUG TESTING PROGRAMS**  
**(53 FR 11979, 11989)**

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## ARTICLE 100- GENERAL

### 101- APPLICABILITY

- (a) These mandatory guidelines apply to all drug-testing procedures conducted by this Department in accordance with existing policies and directives.
- (b) Only laboratories certified under the standards established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) are authorized to perform urine drug testing for the Department.

### 102- DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of these guidelines, the following definitions are adopted:

Administrator:	The person responsible for the supervision of the Drug Testing Unit and collection site operations.
Aliquot:	A portion of a urine specimen used for testing purposes.
Chain of Custody:	Procedures to account for the integrity of each urine specimen by tracking its handling and storage from the point of specimen collection to final disposition of the specimen. These procedures shall require that an approved chain of custody form be used from time of collection to receipt by the laboratory and that upon receipt by the laboratory an appropriate laboratory chain of custody form(s) account for the sample or sample aliquots within the laboratory. Chain of custody forms shall, at a minimum, include an entry documenting date and purpose of each time a specimen or aliquot is handled or transferred and identifying every individual in the chain of custody.
Collection Site:	A place designated by the Department where individuals present themselves for the purpose of providing a specimen of their urine to be analyzed for the presence of drugs or their metabolites.
Collection Site Person:	A person who instructs and assists individuals at a collection site and who receives and makes an initial examination of the urine specimen provided by those individuals. A collection site person shall have successfully completed training to carry out this function.

Confirmatory Test:	A second analytical procedure to identify the presence of specific drugs, controlled substances or their respective metabolites that is independent of the initial test and which uses a different technique and chemical principle from that of the initial test in order to ensure reliability and accuracy. (At this time, gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) is the only authorized confirmation method.)
Initial Test	(also known as Screening Test): An immunoassay screen to eliminate "negative" urine samples from further testing or consideration.
Permanent Record Book:	A permanently bound book in which identifying data on each specimen collected at a collection site are permanently recorded in the sequence of collection.
Reason to Believe:	Reason to believe that a particular individual may alter or substitute the urine specimen.

### 103 - FUTURE REVISIONS

In order to ensure the full reliability and accuracy of initial and confirmation drug tests, the accurate reporting of test results, and the integrity and efficacy of testing programs, the Department may make changes in these guidelines to reflect improvements in the available science and technology. These changes will be discussed with the affected employees Union prior to implementation and will be published as adopted from time to time.

## ARTICLE 200 - SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

### 201 - THE DRUGS

- (a) Department policy and directives define "drugs" and "controlled substances" as those substances and their respective metabolites, including but not limited to, cannabis as defined in 720 ILCS 550/3 (a), and controlled substances as defined in 720 ILCS 570/102 (f). It does not include drugs used pursuant to a valid prescription or when used as otherwise authorized by law. While this definition encompasses many drugs, it is not feasible to test routinely for all of them. Department drug testing programs shall test for drugs, as follows:
  - (1) Random drug testing programs shall at a minimum test for marijuana and cocaine;
  - (2) Drug testing programs are also authorized to test for opiates, amphetamines, phencyclidine or any drug as defined in 201(a) of these guidelines.
- (b) Urine specimens collected pursuant to the policies and directives of the Department shall be used only to test for those drugs included in these guidelines and may not be used to conduct any other analysis or test unless otherwise authorized by law.

- (c) These guidelines are not intended to limit additional categories of drugs in the drug testing of sworn employees.

## 202- SPECIMEN COLLECTION PROCEDURES

- (a) **Designation of Collection Site:** The drug-testing program shall have one or more designated collection sites, which have all necessary personnel, materials, equipment, facilities, and supervision to provide for the collection, security, temporary storage, and shipping or transportation of urine specimens to a certified drug-testing laboratory.
- (b) **Security:** Procedures shall be provided for the designated collection site to be secure. If a collection site facility is dedicated solely to urine collection, it shall be secure at all times. If a facility cannot be dedicated solely to drug testing, the portion of the facility used for testing shall be secured during drug testing.
- (c) **Chain of Custody:** Chain of custody standardized forms shall be properly executed by authorized collection site personnel upon receipt of specimens. Handling and transportation of urine specimens from one authorized individual or place to another shall always be accomplished through chain of custody procedures. Every effort shall be made to minimize the number of persons handling specimens.
- (d) **Access to Authorized Personnel Only:** No unauthorized personnel shall be permitted in any part of the designated collection site when urine specimens are collected or stored. With the exception of personnel authorized to conduct inspections, all authorized visitors and maintenance and service personnel shall be escorted at all times. Documentation of individuals accessing these areas, dates, and time of entry and purpose of entry must be maintained.
- (e) **Privacy:** Procedures for collecting urine specimens shall allow individual privacy unless there is reason to believe that a particular individual may alter or substitute the specimen to be provided.
- (f) **Integrity and Identity of Specimen:** Collection site personnel shall take precautions to ensure that a urine specimen not be adulterated or diluted during the collection procedure and that information on the urine bottle and in the record book can identify the individual from whom the specimen was collected. The following minimum precautions shall be taken to ensure that unadulterated specimens are obtained and correctly identified:
  - (1) To deter the dilution of specimens at the collection site, toilet-bluening agents shall be placed in toilet tanks wherever possible so the reservoir of water in the toilet bowl always remains blue. There shall be no other source of water (e.g., no shower or sink) in the enclosure where urination occurs.
  - (2) When an individual arrives at the collection site, the collection site person shall request the individual to present photo identification. If the individual does not have proper photo identification, the collection site person shall contact the supervisor of the individual, the coordinator of the drug testing program, or any other official who can positively identify the individual. If the individual's identity cannot be established, the collection site person shall not proceed with the

collection. Individuals may also be required to furnish fingerprints for recording and establishing positive identification.

- (3) If the individual fails to arrive at the assigned time, the collection site person shall contact the appropriate authority to obtain guidance on the action to be taken.
- (4) The collection site person shall ask the individual to remove any unnecessary outer garments such as a coat or jacket that might conceal items or substances that could be used to tamper with or adulterate the individual's urine specimen. The collection site person shall ensure that all personal belongings such as a purse or briefcase remain with the outer garments. The individual may retain his/her wallet.
- (5) The individual shall be instructed to wash and dry his/her hands prior to urination.
- (6) After washing hands, the individual shall remain in the presence of the collection site person and shall not have access to any water fountain, faucet, soap dispenser, cleaning agent or any other materials which could be used to adulterate the specimen.
- (7) The individual may provide his/her specimen in the privacy of a stall or otherwise partitioned area that allows for individual privacy.
- (8) The collection site person shall note any unusual behavior or appearance in the permanent record book.
- (9) In the exceptional event that a Department collection site is not accessible and there is an immediate requirement for specimen collection (e.g., an accident investigation), a public restroom may be used according to the following procedures: A collection site person of the same gender as the individual shall accompany the individual into the public restroom which shall be made secure during the collection procedure. If possible, a toilet bluing agent shall be placed in the bowl and any accessible toilet tank. The collection site person shall remain in the restroom, but outside the stall, until the specimen is collected. If no bluing agent is available to deter specimen dilution, the collection site person shall instruct the individual not to flush the toilet until the specimen is delivered to the collection site person. After the collection site person has possession of the specimen, the individual will be instructed to flush the toilet and to participate with the collection site person in completing the chain of custody procedures.
- (10) Upon receiving the specimen from the individual, the collection site person shall determine that it contains at least 60 milliliters of urine. If there is less than 60 milliliters of urine in the container, the specimen will be discarded and a notation regarding the insufficient amount of specimen collected will be documented on the affidavit form. The donor will be required to provide another specimen in the amount of 60 milliliters in a different specimen collection container. The individual may be given a reasonable amount of liquid to drink for this purpose (e.g., a glass of water). If the individual fails for any reason to provide 60



milliliters of urine, the collection site person shall contact the appropriate authority to obtain guidance on the action to be taken.

- (11) After the specimen has been provided and submitted to the collection site person, the individual shall be allowed to wash his/her hands.
- (12) Immediately after the specimen is collected, the collection site person shall measure the temperature of the specimen. The temperature-measuring device used must accurately reflect the temperature of the specimen and not contaminate the specimen. The time from urination to temperature measurement is critical and in no case shall exceed four (4) minutes.
- (13) If the temperature of a specimen is outside the range of 32.5-37.7 degrees centigrade or 90.5-99.8 degrees Fahrenheit, that is reason to believe that the individual may have altered or substituted the specimen, and another specimen shall be collected under the direct observation of a same gender collection site person and both specimens shall be forwarded to the laboratory for testing. An individual may volunteer to have his/her oral temperature taken to provide evidence lei counter the reason to believe the individual may have altered or substituted the specimen caused by the specimen's temperature falling outside the prescribed range.
- (14) Immediately after the specimen is collected, the collection site person shall also inspect the specimen to determine its color and look for any signs of contaminants. Any unusual findings will be noted in the permanent record book.
- (15) All specimens suspected of being adulterated shall be forwarded to the laboratory for testing.
- (16) Whenever there is reason to believe that a particular individual may alter or substitute the specimen to be provided, a second specimen shall be obtained as soon as possible under the direct observation of a same gender collection site person.
- (17) Both the individual being tested and the collection site person shall keep the specimen in view at all times prior to its being sealed and labeled. If the specimen is transferred to a second bottle, the collection site person shall require the individual to observe the transfer of the specimen and the placement of the tamperproof seal over the bottle cap and down the sides of the bottle.
- (18) The collection site person and the individual shall be present at the same time during procedures outlined in paragraphs (f)(19)-(f)(22) of this section.
- (19) The collection site person shall place securely, on the bottle, an identification label, which contains the date, the individual's specimen number, and any other identifying information provided or required by the Department.
- (20) The individual shall initial the identification label on the specimen bottle for the purpose of certifying that it is the specimen collected from him/her.

- (21) The collection site person shall enter in the permanent record book all information identifying the specimen. The collection site person shall sign the permanent record book next to the identifying information.
  - (22) The individual shall be required to read and sign a statement in the permanent record book certifying that the specimen identified as having been collected from him/her is in fact the specimen he/she provided.
  - (23) A higher level supervisor shall review and concur in advance with any decision by a collection site person to obtain a specimen under the direct observation of a same gender collection site person based on a reason to believe that the individual may alter or substitute the specimen to be provided.
  - (24) The collection site person shall complete the chain of custody form.
  - (25) The urine specimen and chain of custody form are now ready for shipment or pickup. If the specimen is not immediately prepared for shipment it shall be appropriately safeguarded during temporary storage.
  - (26) While any part of the above chain of custody is being performed, it is essential that the urine specimen and custody documents be under the control of the involved collection site person. If the involved collection site person leaves his/her work station momentarily, the specimen and custody form shall be taken with him/her or be secured. After the collection site person returns to the work station, the custody process will continue. If the collection site person is leaving for an extended period of time, the specimen shall be packaged for shipment before he/she leaves the site.
- (g) Collection Control: To the maximum extent possible, collection site personnel shall keep the individual's specimen within sight both before and after the individual has urinated. After the specimen is collected, it shall be properly sealed and labeled. An approved chain of custody form shall be used for maintaining control and accountability of each specimen from the point of collection to final disposition of the specimen. The date and purpose shall be documented on an approved chain of custody form each and every time a specimen is handled or transferred and every individual in the chain shall be identified. Every effort shall be made to minimize the number of persons handling specimens.
- (h) Transportation to Laboratory: Collection site personnel shall arrange to ship the collected specimens to the drug-testing laboratory. The specimens shall be placed in containers designed to minimize the possibility of damage during shipment, for example, specimen boxes or padded mailers; and those containers shall be securely sealed to eliminate the possibility of undetected tampering. On the tape sealing the container, the collection site person shall sign and enter the date specimens were sealed in the containers for shipment. The collection site personnel shall ensure that the chain of custody documentation is attached to each container sealed for shipment to the drug testing laboratory.

## 203- SHORT AND LONG TERM SPECIMEN STORAGE

- (a) Short Term Refrigerated Storage: Specimens shall be placed in secure refrigeration units. Temperatures shall not exceed six (6) degrees centigrade. Emergency power equipment shall be available in case of prolonged power failure.
- (b) Long Term Refrigerated Storage: Long-term frozen storage (-20 degrees centigrade or less) ensures that positive urine specimens will be available for any necessary retest during administrative or disciplinary proceedings. Unless otherwise authorized in writing by higher authority, collection sites and/or drug testing laboratories shall retain and place in properly secured long term frozen storage for a minimum of one (1) year all specimens confirmed positive. Within this one (1) year period, the Department may request the laboratory to retain the specimen for an additional period of time, but if no such request is made, the laboratory may discard the specimen after the end of the one (1) year period, except that the laboratory shall be required to maintain any specimens under legal challenge for an indefinite period of time.

#### 204 - TEST LEVELS

- (a) Initial Test Level: The initial test shall use an immunoassay which meets the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration for commercial distribution. The following initial cutoff levels shall be used when screening specimens to determine whether they are negative for these drugs or classes of drugs.
- (b) Confirmatory Test Levels: All specimens identified as positive on the initial test shall be confirmed using gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) techniques at the cutoff values listed in this section for each drug. All confirmations shall be by quantitative analysis. Concentrations which exceed the linear region of the standard curve, shall be documented in the laboratory record as "greater than highest standard curve value."

- (c) **Test Level Revisions:** The test levels listed in this section are subject to change by the Department as advances in technology or other considerations warrant identification of these substances at other concentrations. Any changes in these test levels will be published in a timely fashion.

	Initial test level (ng/ml):	Confirmatory test level (ng/ml)
Amphetamines .....	1,000 .....	500
Cocaine <sup>1</sup> .....	300 .....	150
Benzodiazepines .....	300 .....	200
Methaqualone .....	300 .....	200
THC (Cannabinoids) <sup>2</sup> .....	20 .....	15
Barbiturates.....	300 .....	200
Methadone .....	300 .....	200
Phencyclidine (PCP) .....	25 .....	25
Opiates.....	≥2000 .....	≥2000
Propoxyphene .....	300 .....	200

<sup>1</sup> Benzoyllecgonine

<sup>2</sup> Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol-9-carboxylic acid

<sup>3</sup> 25ng/ml if immunoassay specific for free morphine

## 205- REPORTING TEST RESULTS

- (a) The laboratory shall report test results to the Administrator or designee of the Drug Testing Unit within an average of five (5) working days after the receipt of the specimen by the laboratory. Before any test result is reported (the results of initial tests, confirmatory tests, or quality control data), it shall be reviewed and the test certified as an accurate report by the responsible individual. The report shall identify the drugs/metabolites tested for, whether positive or negative, and the cut off for each, the specimen number assigned by the Department, and the drug testing laboratory specimen identification number. The results (positive and negative) for all specimens submitted at the same time to the laboratory shall be reported back to the Administrator or designee at the same time.
- (b) The testing laboratory shall report as negative all specimens which are negative on the initial test or negative on the confirmatory test. Only specimens confirmed positive shall be reported positive for a specific drug.
- (c) The Administrator or designee may request from the laboratory and the laboratory shall provide quantitation of test results.
- (d) The laboratory may transmit results to the Administrator or designee by various electronic means (e.g., computer, tele printers, or facsimile) in a manner designed to ensure confidentiality of the information. Results may not be provided verbally by telephone. The laboratory must ensure the security of the data transmission and limit access to any data transmission, storage, and retrieval systems.

- (e) The laboratory shall send only to the Administrator or designee a certified copy of the original chain of custody form signed by the individual responsible for day-to-day management of the drug-testing laboratory or the individual responsible for attesting to the validity of the test reports.
- (f) Unless otherwise directed by the Department or the Administrator in writing, all records pertaining to a given urine specimen shall be retained by the drug-testing laboratory for a minimum of two (2) years.
- (g) The drug-testing laboratory shall never be furnished with the name of the individual to whom a particular drug specimen is associated with. The only exception to this rule will be in those cases in which the individual is the subject of a hearing for disciplinary action as a result of a confirmed positive drug test which will require the testimony of laboratory personnel. The confidentiality provision of the Department's policy and current written directives will take precedence over this

**APPENDIX F**  
**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

BETWEEN THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE  
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS LOCAL 700

**LAYOFFS**

The parties agree that any layoffs shall be governed by the seniority provisions in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The Employer will endeavor to place the affected members into vacancies in their Merit Rank. Further, the Employer will use good faith attempts to place the affected members into the Electronic Monitoring vacancies, if they exist.

Injury on Duty (IOD)  
Side Letter of Agreement Between  
County of Cook  
And  
Teamsters 700  
(Representing the Fugitive Unit Investigators)

Employees incurring an injury on duty will be covered by the Illinois Workers Compensation Act. Members who notify their supervisor in writing on forms specified by Cook County Risk Management of any on duty injuries within forty-eight (48) hours or as soon as possible if medically unable to do so, of the occurrence of the injury shall be paid at their regular wages for up to thirty (30) days pending determination of eligibility for workers compensation. Employees are required to cooperate and provide prompt information as requested during the determination of claim eligibility process and throughout the duration of their workers compensation claim. Employees whose injuries are deemed to not be duty related will reimburse the County for wages paid in the interim by substituting sick days, vacation days, or other accumulated time due, reimbursing the County for such wages if the member has no available accrued time. However, such reimbursement shall be held in abeyance pending any claim filed before the Illinois Workers Compensation Commission. This section applies to tangible, physical injuries that are substantiated by a medical doctor.